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# Tidings

t Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Fort Wayne IN 46807

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## At the Feeder Again. . .

The doorbell rang just as I was stepping out of the shower.....
(we interrupt this newsletter article to bring you a special message from the Pastor.)
...One of the most valuable tools of our new ministry is communication. Getting people on the same page is critical. That's why the Bible starts out saying, "In the beginning God....." This is the page we all begin with. (By the way, as my Aunt Ruth always says, if you can't believe these words, you probably won't believe the ones that follow them.)

In a few weeks we will produce a new church directory so we can get people to communicate. It is another very, very important page.

We expect to produce an error free listing. We anticipate complications. People move, errors occur in typing...problems arise.

Therefore, to eliminate errors we need everyone to check this document carefully. We also need EMAIL.addresses, special addresses for college, temporary and permanent addresses of people who have moved. DO NOT assume we know where everyone is. Many times you may be the only link people have with this congregation. Share your information and double check our records.

ALSO, DO NOT assume that we have your address recorded perfectly. All of the records were freshly entered. As you well know it is very easy to make mistakes. We probably

made a few.

This is an urgent appeal. Your immediate attention and action is critical. Please note and seek out the designated person with the master list this Sunday. Check your addresses carefully and make a check mark to indicate 100% accuracy. Mark any corrections in red.

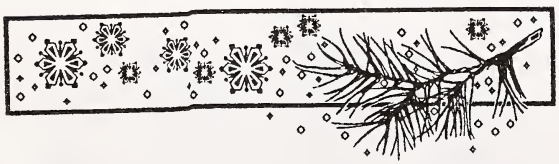
Thank you for your attention and action.....

Now we return you to your regularly scheduled newsletter article, already in progress.

.....So, that's how I came to be locked out of my house in freezing temperatures wearing only my bathrobe and slippers. Guess it goes to prove the scripture, "You do not know when the hour will come, when the Son of God will return. So be ready."

Feeding on the Love of Christ,

Neil



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*Dream Weavers - January 23rd 9-Noon.*

**Everyone, come dream some dreams with the Elders and Ministry Team.**

**Worship 9 a.m.**

**Weaving Dreams into prayers with the Elders**

**Break**

**Gathering with the Ministry Teams (everyone encouraged to pick a group)**
**Plenary Session**
**(Sharing dreams)**

**Closing Worship 11:55 a.m.**

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*Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!*
*Psalm95:6*
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**Walk to Bethlehem**
**Thank you....**

**"What a wonderful gift you gave to the community! Many, Many Thanks.**

**G. Truesdell,**
**Amy Kunkel and Emily**

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**From Global Ministries...**

**Martha Mensendiek teaches social work at Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan, a county where the general perception of social work is that of care givers in nursing homes or homes for the handicapped and where options for trained social workers are limited. She has a particular interest in helping her students see the larger role of social workers in the community. She writes of linking students with community service organizations. "I have compiled a list of local NGOs for them to contact and get involved. I also invite them to visit the YWCA where I volunteer, working the hot line and with the support center for migrant workers.**

**"Of course, another important aspect of opening doors for students interested in NGO work, especially having to do with peace and social justice, is that it is also an exposure to the work of the Christian church which has been making an impact in this area in Japan and throughout the world. In my classes, when I speak about gaining social justice for minorities in Japan for example, I share about the work of Christian organizations including the YWCA"**

**"At our hotline office, between calls, or while folding newsletters for mailing, the conversation often is quite stimulating and there have been occasions when the discussions have centered on the Christian faith. Why are Christians involved in social justice work? Why was Christ crucified? If God is almighty why did God not save Jesus from the cross?"**

**"I have found these informal spontaneous discussions the most challenging and most rewarding aspects of my mission...opportunities for me to learn and grow, as they challenge me to be more effective in vocalizing my faith. I thank God for this role I find myself in."**

**What does God require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?**
**(Micah 6:8, NRSV)**

**GLOBAL** *MINISTRIES*

## PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

**THE ARBORS**
**2827 Northgate Blvd. 46835**
**Freda Flaugh - Room 301**

**KINGSTON RESIDENCE**
**7515 Winchester Road 46819**
**Don & Valetta Parlette - Room 410**

**BETHLEHEM NURSING/REHAB**
**4430 Elsdale 46835**
**Bernice Montgomery - Room 301**

**OSSIAN HEALTH CARE**
**215 Davis Road**
**Ossian 46777**
**Dorothy Green - Room 301A**

**RIVERBEND**
**7519 Winchester Road 46819**
**Lou Simmons - Room 105-2**

**RENAISSANCE VILLAGE**
**650 S 800 E-92 46804**
**Kathryn Banet - Room 218**

**St. ANNE's NURSING HOME**
**1900 Randalia Drive 46805**
**Ressie Ehresman - Room 324B**

**TOWNHOUSE HEALTH CENTER**
**2209 St. Joe Center Road 46825**
**Lola Miller - Room 201**

**Emma Phillips**
**1737 Godfrey 46819**

**Lila Russell**
**3936 Irene Ct. 46808**

**Coleen Wilcoxson and Orda Glentzer**
**746 Candlelite Court 46807**

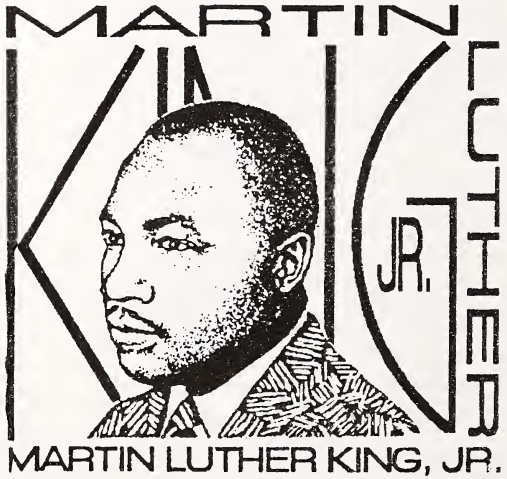
**Charles Wrisk**
**259 E. Sherwood**
**46807**

**Andy Cook**
**11335 Gongwer**
**46845**

**Lucille Branstrator 9721 Coverdale 46809**

NOTICE

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED JANUARY 18TH IN HONOR OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr DAY.



*Meal of Appreciation FROM Pastor Allen on January 24th Following Second Worship*

Pastor Allen is reissuing his challenge to attend church now December 11th through January 4th). He has promised a meal to everyone who has perfect attendance through that period.

Exemptions: If you are called to work on Sunday morning, attend another church, die or are deathly ill, you are excused. OR IF WE HAVE A BLIZZARD!

Your attendance is vital. You contribute to the growth of this ministry with your presence. I pray this incentive will help.

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1 John 3:1

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**Attorneys at Law**
**Lamps & Shades Unlimited**
**Join Sandy Thompson of**
**News Channel 15 at**
**Glenbrook Mall**
**Campaign Kick-Off**
**Sunday - Feb 7**
**1-3 PM**
**Saturday - Feb 13**
**12-3 PM**
**Entertainment and**
**Refreshments**
**For more information call**
**Ron Bonar 424-0318 Ext. 226**

Thanks to all of our FCC friends who remembered the staff with those wonderful goodies for the Holidays!

Mary

Neil

Pat

Sandy

# 1998 In Review

*January*

Vision Meetings

*February*

Farewell to Beverly Hendricks
and Mildred Sarrazin
Nursery Renovation
Goodbye to Diane Dunn
Hello to What's Her Face

*March*

New Sexton - Sandy Fryback
Lenten Bible Study
Candidate/Mentor Program

*April*

Glorious Easter
Six Baptized
New Chalice Hymnals
Youth Sunday
Guest Pastor - Christopher Smith
Regional Assembly - Indianapolis

*May*

Voice/Piano Recital
"First We Must Listen" Class
Farewell to Edwin "Ed" Allen
Vision Meeting Report
All Member Birthday Celebration
Teacher Recognition Sunday
Pentecost

*June*

V.B.S. - "Gospel Under the Big Top"
"Mom's On A Mission" began.
Carrie Melissa Cunningham &
Daniel Patrick Moll Wedding
Graduate Recognition Sunday
Teacher Recognition Sunday
Bill Riggs' big fishing trip.
Church Constitution, By-Laws and
Memorial Polices typed.
Prospective "Pastor" Dinner

*July*

D.M.A. - Vera Bradley Factory
2 Weddings
AWS Summer Program -Program for
Special Needs Children
New Officer Recognition
Two Elders Ordained
New Parking Lot Surface
Farewell to Jack Phillips

*August*

Bookplates for Hymnals - Great Job
Deb Schuricht - Thank you!!!!!
Chalice Hymnal Dedication
"Parables of Jesus"
5th Sunday Breakfast
Orda Glentzner's 100th Birthday
New Copier in Church Office -
WOW!
Lots of Rain - Wet Carpet in
Food Bank/Baby's Closet
20 Plus days of 100 degree temps
in Texas.
D.M.A. - IPFW Between Showers
Teachers Workshop -
"Whole People of God"
"So-Long" Carry-in for Pastor Bill
"Share the Care"
Farewell to Beverly Johnston
Farewell to Wm. "Bill" H. Crouse

*September*

School Started
Adventure Club Returned
New Pastor and First Lady

Ordination of our Very own
Patricia Bridgewater Mullen
Church School Kick-Off -
"The Whole People of God"
More Weddings
*Beautiful* Banners hung in Sanctuary
Farewell to Gini Brown
C.R.O.P Walk
Stewardship Bible Study

*October*

Pastor Allen Installation
New Director of Music Ministries
Pastor Neil's 48th Birthday
Bell Choir Returned
Choir Practice Started
Bowling Party - Some Older Pastor's hurt their back!
Haunted Church
Tailgate Party - Great Success!!
New "Red" Tidings
Tim Knuckles moved to California - Lucky Guy!!!
Pastor Neil on roof of church cleaning windows.
Booher/Bartholomew Wedding
New Carpet in New Nursery

*November*

Bill Riggs grew a beard - first time ever
Looks Great!!!
"Oodles of Noodles" canceled
Harvest Dinner
"Making New Friends"
Stewardship Moments
Election Board in Fellowship Hall
Area Assembly
Organ Tuning - Get Your Earplugs Out!
Bountiful Thanksgiving
Hanging of the Greens
New Computer in Church Office
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New pager for Pastor Allen - be sure and ask him how it works under water.

*December*

Walk to Bethlehem - 600 guests.
Nativity Display - Wonderful
Birthday Party for Jesus
Christmas Baskets for Homebound Members
Advent Afternoon
Angel Tree - Christmas made a little happier for 27 children.
Christmas Eve Services -
205 celebrated the birth of Jesus

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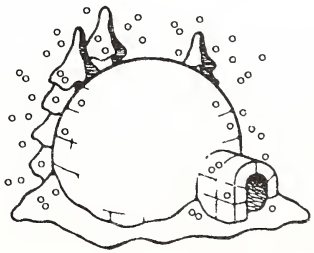

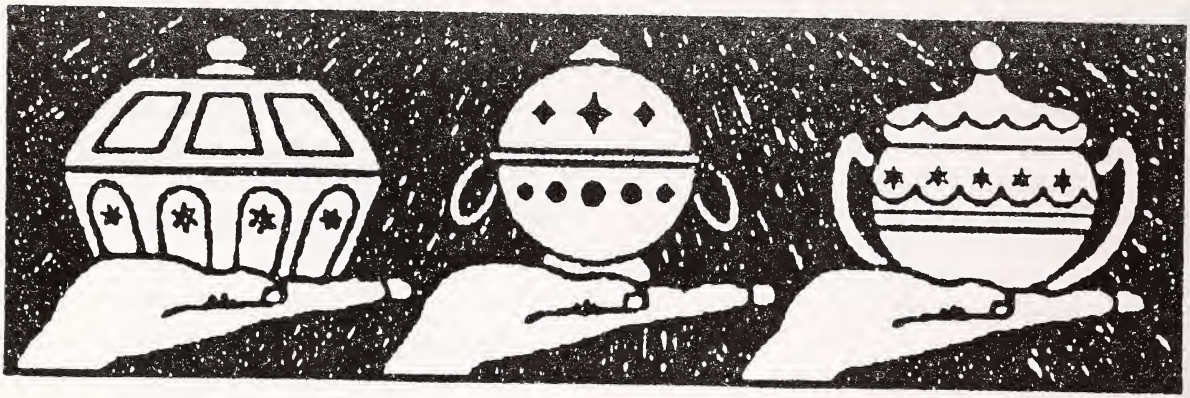

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"Wow, look at that," I yelled toward the inside of the south door. George came running to see if I had gone nuts. "Look! It's a Robin!"

"Oh, my" he said, "what is a Robin doing here this time of year?"

What a great question. Had it lost the way south? Was it injured? Was that Robin crazy? I began to ponder these things as I headed back to the office.

"Ahh," I said to myself, "that Robin has its pick of the best yard in town." I laughed, and then realized that the silly Robin and I were alike in one key way. (No, we're not both nuts.) We both took advantage of opportunities. On the first Sunday of 1999 most of churches in town were closed. We were open. I was like that robin, I couldn't get home and guarantee getting back, so I stayed Saturday night and opened the church Sunday morning. Like the mid-winter Robin, I had a great opportunity to reach folks we wouldn't have reached on a regular Sunday. The phone rang and eight people showed up for church. Four visitors!! And four regulars made up a choir that stood at the piano and sang hymns of praise, passed the peace of Christ and fellowshipped in God's spirit.

It was one of the most fulfilling worship services I have ever had the privilege of attending. Harmony poured out of our guests like the sound of the heaven's opening.

Continued

We sang and shared our joys and concerns and prayed. We then moved to the communion table and broke the bread of life. It was a moment of heaven's hope realized. Missouri Synod Lutherans, snow-bound Baptist from St. Louis, three Disciples and a Catholic partook of the sacred meal of communion. Thank you God for the oneness of your table.

You see, I'm a little like that silly Robin. I believe, if I can get here....even if I have to sleep on the floor...I'll have church, even if no one else can make it....I'll open the doors....if they can be opened and I'll be ready at all times to take in those who are stranded.

Now, if this situation should ever happen again, please use common sense. It could be very dangerous for you to go out. And, keep in mind, while I might be as adventurous as a Robin in snowland, please don't feel obligated to join me. Just be advised, that I will make every attempt to open this house for worship....if only for the very hearty....and especially for those who live close and can't get to their own churches.

Like that silly Robin, for one whole week I could say we had the highest number of participants in worship in all of Ft. Wayne. However, that's not why I opened the church. I opened because I hoped, and wasn't disappointed, to experience the ecumenical joy at the table of our Lord.

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**If for some reason you are unable to pick your statement up, call the church office (744-3239) and we will gladly mail it to you.**

**SERVING JANUARY 24th**

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**8:15 AM**
**Kathy Cron, Anne Moll**

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**Sally Rudy, Eve Gorman, John Bohlen**

***SERVING JANUARY 31st***

***ELDERS***

**8:15 AM**
**Sam Hayes, Kris Ohneck**

**10:45 AM**
**Becca Widmer, Dick Mey**

***DIACONATE***

**8:15 AM**
**Julia Arnold, Carole Davis, Roger Moll, Marlene Crouse**

**10:45 AM**
**Carolyn Falbe, Wayne Whitworth, Laura Whitworth, Larry Brey, Sue Brey, Linda Deck, Christi Deck, Katie Moll**

***HOMEBOUND COMMUNION***
**Bill Franklin, Christi Deck, Anne Moll, Jenny Baitz, Ralph Church, Greg Baitz, Eunice Conrad, Marlene Crouse**

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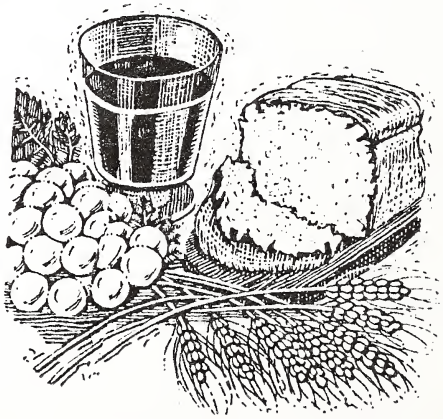

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BETTY LANNING -
sister of Phyllis (Sue) Brickley
Cancer treatments

VIRGINIA ENGLEHART
At Home

MARY WILHELM - Back surgery Thursday, January 21st.

CORA CONRAD - Mother of Eunice Conrad - Recovering from hip surgery.

BILL LOVE - Surgery January 18th. - P. O. Box 677 - Gleneden Beach OR 97388.

SUE CAVANAUGH- Broken wrist

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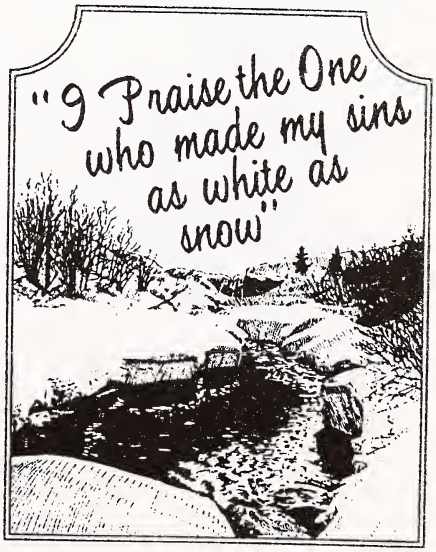

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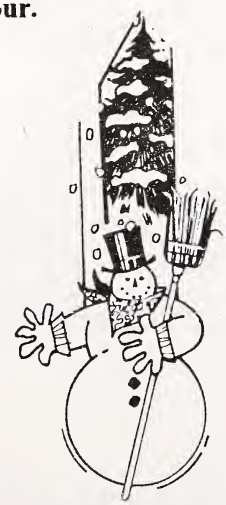

## PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

**KINGSTON RESIDENCE**
**7515 Winchester Road 46819**
**Don & Valetta Parlette - Room 410**

**MILLERS MERRY MANOR**
**5544 E. State Blvd - 46815**
**Freda Flaugh - Room 212W**
**Garland Flickinger - Room 105**

**OSSIAN HEALTH CARE**
**215 Davis Road**
**Ossian 46777**
**Dorothy Green - Room 301A**

**REGENCY PLACE OF FT WAYNE**
**6006 Brandy Chase Cove -46815**
**Bernice Montgomery - Room 110**

**RENAISSANCE VILLAGE**
**650 S 800 E-92 46804**
**Kathryn Banet - Room 218**

**RIVERBEND**
**7519 Winchester Road 46819**
**Lou Simmons - Room 105-2**

**St. ANNE's NURSING HOME**
**1900 Randallia Drive 46805**
**Ressie Ehresman - Room 324B**

**TOWNHOUSE HEALTH CENTER**
**2209 St. Joe Center Road 46825**
**Lola Miller - Room 201**

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| **Emma Phillips** | **1737 Godfrey** | **46819** |
| **Lila Russell** | **3936 Irene Ct.** | **46808** |
| **Coleen Wilcoxson and Orda Glentzer** | **746 Candlelite Court** | **46807** |
| **Charles Wrisk** | **259 E. Sherwood** | **46807** |
| **Andy Cook** | **11335 Gongwer** | **46845** |
| **Lucille Branstrator** | **9721 Coverdale** | **46809** |
| **Ruby Mowery** | **3802 Manito Blvd** | **46807** |

## WEEK OF COMPASSION UPDATE

If Hurricane Mitch was an example of hurricanes at their worst and most ferocious then surely the response of Disciples to that disaster is an example of our church at its best and most generous. In November, the WOC Committee alerted the church that WOC needed at least a quarter of a million dollars to respond just to the emergency needs and requests WOC was receiving from our partners responding in Central America to Mitch. Disciples congregations and individuals have now provided more than $500,000 to WOC for hurricane relief and contributions continue to pour in.

WOC is deeply grateful for the trust the whole church has placed in our office to be a responsible steward and a faithful channel of Disciples' generosity and concern for the survivors of Hurricane Mitch. Not only are your directed gifts going in their entirety to hurricane relief and recovery efforts, in many cases they are being multiplied exponentially. For example, a grant of $45,000.00 to Interchurch Medical Assistance provided more than $1.5 million in vaccines and antibiotics. A grant of $75,000.00 to Church World Service funded two shipments of material aid to Honduras valued at more than $750,000.00.

As media attention now begins to focus elsewhere, our church partners in Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala and El Salvador begin the long, arduous trek down the road of recovery and rehabilitation. So much of that work, if it is to be done in these devastated and impoverished countries, will be done by the church. Your gracious generosity to WOC means that disciples will accompany our Central American brothers and sisters every step of the way. I will be traveling in the region on January 4-15 and will carry word of your prayers, support and solidarity. Thank you for caring and sharing. For more information, please check the WOC website at:

www.disciples.org/woc

***Dream Weavers - January 23rd***

***9-Noon.***

**Everyone, come dream some dreams with the Elders and Ministry Teams.**

**Worship 9 a.m.**

**Weaving Dreams into prayers with the Elders**

**Break**

**Gathering with the Ministry Teams (everyone encouraged to pick a group)**

**Plenary Session (Sharing dreams)**

**Closing Worship 11:55 a.m.**

**HEAR YE !! HEAR YE !!**

The Meal of Appreciation ***from*** Pastor Allen will be after second service on SUNDAY, JANUARY 24th.

Please plan now to attend (You ***do not*** have to bring anything except you) If you know of someone that might need a ride please contact them and offer.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL FOLLOW THE MEAL

Your attendance in church and the congregational meeting is vital to the growth of our ministry.

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# Tidings

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## At the Feeder Again. . .

A bunch gold finches finally found my feeder during the last blast of snow. Everybody loves the finches. A bold coat of gold with a sharply contrasting black cap, announces the males in the spring and summer.....they turn a greenish-yellow in the winter. Their song is lovely....Everybody loves the finches.

And, while I'm glad they've come to my little restaurant, I was a bit upset when the little suckers drained the feeder in about 3 hours. It wasn't that they were just feeding....they were ripping feed from the feeder. They kicked 150 seeds out for everyone they ate. The ground was black with seed and Juncos doing their janitor work. I looked out to find the finches had dumped $5 worth of seed on the ground.

I refilled the feeder only to find the same scene the next day.

I muttered under my breath as I emptied the last of the thistle seed into the feeder. "Ungrateful, little twirps".....I blurted out before remembering my God's command to love one another.

I came in the house raging inside....thinking about how they could be so messy, so heartless, so insensitive.....so.....so....wasteful!!!... leaving the poor Juncos to pick-up after them....about that time Nora called me and asked if I would stop tracking snow over the carpet and if I could put my coat away, and whether or not I was going to pack up my nativities sometime before next year. "Sure, sure, I'll get right on that.....Darned finches.....so insensitive.....who do they think they

are....princes?"

Doesn't it hurt to find yourself the target of your own fury? Note to myself: James 1:19-20 "Let every *man* be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger, for the anger of *man* does not work the righteousness of God."

I'm also reminded of the plaque at the door of the United Methodist Church in Summitville. It reads something like this....

> If you turned it on, turn it off.
> If you laid it down, pick it up.
> If you took it out, put it back.
> If you messed it up, clean it up.
> If you opened it close it.
> If you unlocked it, lock it up.
> Etc....

Guess we all need to take a lesson from the Junco.

Feeding on the love of Christ,

Neil.

Pastor Allen on Vacation
February 21st.
Rev. Pat Mullen to fill the pulpit.

## Request for Contemporary Worship Questionnaires

On Wednesday, January 27th we experienced a new form of "Contemporary" Worship, with a group of 35 persons. Many good comments were heard that evening, and questionnaires were handed out.

The general consensus is that we would like to do this again, however, we need the response forms. Please send it to the office ASAP so we can schedule our next "experimental contemporary worship."

## Dream Weavers a gigantic success!!!

The 1999 Dream Weavers event produced many important insights and encouraging results. The music department came up with some plans, the evangelism ministries got a shot in the arm, as did all the groups that met.

As your pastor, I can say I have a better understanding of who and what this church is all about. From your comments I gather we must do a better job with the unchurched, improve our outreach both in dollars and hands-on ministries), we must communicate better and continue to pray for healing in all areas of ministry and we need to deepen our spiritual lives.

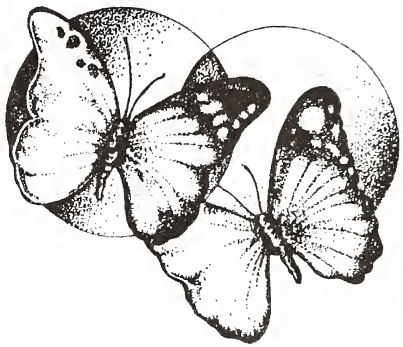
Programs and organized projects to accomplish these basic ministry goals will be forth-coming, but they will be secondary to the work of the Spirit that moved among us January 3rd.

I offer my deep appreciation for the Elders and their care teams. Special thanks to Eunice Conrad for her expert leadership and trust in the plan. One of the major reasons for the event was to build a sense of community between the elders and their care groups. I pray we will be able to continue this throughout 1999.

May the Lord continue to bless us with the strength we received on January 23, 1999.

In Christ's Peace,

Neil



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**D. M. A.**

**D. M. A. says - Let's share our *"Change for Change"***

**~Collect your pocket change**
**~Bring it on the 1st Sunday of each month**
**~Dump it in the pot and watch it grow**

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS and LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

**LOU SIMMONS - Diane Mory's Mother at Riverbend**
**WILBUR SNOOK - At Home**
**GLADYS HARSHBARGER At Home**
**RUTH TRUESDELL - Lutheran Room 440 (ICU)**
**RUBY MOWERY -C/O Sue Creager3802 Manito Blvd FW 46807**
**BETTY LANNING - sister of Phyllis (Sue) Brickley Cancer treatments**
**VIRGINIA ENGLEHART - At Home**
**MARY WILHELM -At Home**
**CORA CONRAD -Eunice Conrad's Mother at Ossian Health Care Center**
**BILL LOVE - - P. O. Box 677 - Gleneden Beach OR 97388.**
**SUE CAVANAUGH- Broken wrist**
**Judy Mey**
**Board Members**
**Bill Devinney**

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**New pictorial directories are being put together.**
**But in order to make them as accurate and as up to date as possible we need your picture.**

***Pictorial Directory sign-up begins next Sunday, February 7th,***

**The dates for picture taking will be March 18, 19 and 20th.**

**Be sure and sign-up next**
**Sunday, so that we can have you in our new**
**Pictorial Directory**
**(Sign-up will also be February 14 and 28)**

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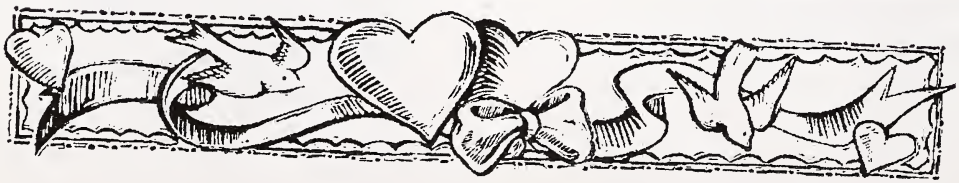

**THANK YOU - THANK YOU**
**THANK YOU**

**A big thank you to Pastor Neil and Nora for the wonderful meal on January 24th.**

**And a big thanks to the cooks - Neil, Nora, Sandy & George - and to the Fellowship committee and the youth servers and to all the others that helped behind the front lines.**

**from,**
**The FCC Congregation**

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**RACHEL REMINDER**
**Save Tuesday, February 16th. to meet at 9:30 AM in the church library for a short study meeting - BUT primarily to assemble health kits for Church World Services. !! THE NEED IS URGENT !!**

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**Please check your electric fry pans that were loaned to FCC for meal on January 24th. You may not have the correct cord! Please contact church office and we will return your rightful cord. (Western Auto and Rival are the brand names to watch for)**

GLOBAL MINISTRIES. . .

**Ken and Betty Frank serve in Turkey, Betty as librarian with the American Collegiate Institute in Izmir and Ken in Christian-Muslim relations. Last year on home assignment, they were truly bridge-builders as they faithfully shared messages from Muslim friends with U.S., Christians. As they gave their more than 100 programs in UCC and Disciples congregations across the country, they asked what message Christians would want them to take back to their Muslim friends and colleagues in Izmir. Betty reports that one woman was silent for a long time. Then she began to weep as she finally said, "We love you and we respect you"**

**Here are some of the other responses people gave:**

**Global Ministries continued. . .**

***We want to know ordinary Muslims better, and give them a chance to know us, so that we can destroy stereotypes.**
***Why is there such a division between us? Is it necessary?**
***We see you as acceptable to God as we think we are.**
***We are having a difficult time as Christians becoming more open and inclusive and loving.**
***We are ashamed by the refusal of the US to pay what it owes to the United Nations.**
***God is large than only one religious tradition.**
***Don't draw conclusions about individual Christians from the behavior of some churches or countries.**
***We are not the people you see on American TV shows. We know you are not the ones we see on TV.**
***There is no typical Christian.**

***GLOBAL** MINISTRIES*

## 1999 General Assembly Meeting

Anyone interested in obtaining information regarding the October General Assembly - Plan now to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, February 7, 1999 at 7PM.

For additional information regarding the meeting on the 7th. Please contact Neil.

## P. S.

Dick Hamm up for re-election at the General Assembly Plan now to attend in October!!!!!

## F.A.S.T. *
## (U.C.C./Disciples C.O.R.A. Workcamp 1999)

***GOAL:*** To engage UCC/Disciples members in an educational study, action, reflection experience which will lead to a broader understanding and advocacy for the mission of the commission on Religion in Appalachia.

***STUDY:*** Pre-work camp seminars on issues affecting the Appalachian region, culture and C.O.R.A. mission.

***ACTION:*** One week work camp sessions participating in the construction of a new home with/for a low income family.

**REFLECTION:** Post work camp evaluation and development of plan for advocacy.

**SUMMER OF 1999 - 10 WEEKS - JUNE through AUGUST**

**BARNESBORO, PENNSYLVANIA where we will work with The Northern Cambria Community of Development Corporation, a C.O.R.A. constituent group.**

**WHO:** 20-30 people each week for 10 weeks. Youth and adults From UCC Judicatories, disciples Regions, colleges or local Congregations. Families are encouraged to come and work side by side with young children.

**AGREEMENTS:**

- Groups will be provided resources and expected to participate in an educational process prior to arrival at workcamp site.
- Groups will participate in a one-week workcamp, constructing a home and working on rehabs in the community. Each group will be supervised.
- Groups will be provided resources to utilize in processing their experience and interpreting C.O.R.A.'s mission in their home community.

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**F.A.S.T. Continued...**

**Costs:** **Groups will pay for their transportation in addition to a fee of $1750 per group of 10 or less which covers housing, meals and all building materials. Groups with more than 10 will pay the group rate and $175 per additional person. Lower fees for children under 10. Limited, partial scholarships available.**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

**Susan Sanders - UCBHM volunteer Services - 216/736 - 3266**
**Jayna Powell - DHM volunteers in Mission - 410/788 - 6309.**

**F.A.S.T. - Faithful Advocates Serving Together**

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## 160th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**Christian Church in Indiana**

**Meetings are 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**
**Registration is $10.00 which includes noon meal and child care.**

**NORTH CENTRAL - MARCH 13TH.**
**132 N. West Street**
**Tipton, IN (765/675-7421)**
**TEAM MEMBERS: Bob Riester, Steve Moore, Laurie Hart, John Morris**

**Regional Staff: Sue Armyx and Sylvia Mill**

# CAMP BARBEE

**Barbee Christian Camp**

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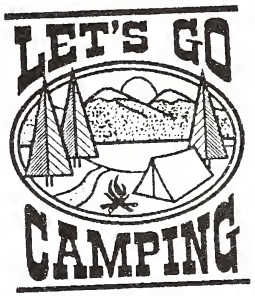
| **ew Beginnings** | **June 21 - 23** | **Young Disciples** | **June 7 - 12** |
| **ompl. Grade 2,3)** | **June 24 - 26** | **(Compl. Grade 4,5)** | **July 12 - 17** |
| | | | **Aug 2 - 7** |
| **i. Rho Camp** | **June 14 - 19** | **Building Bridges** | **July 5 - 10** |
| **ompl. Grade 6,7,8)** | **July 19 - 24** | **(Ages 12 - 14 - An inter-racial camp)** | |
| **usic, Art, Drama** | **Aug 11 - 14** | **Addition information on next page...** | |

**AMP BARBEE CONTINUED -**

**C.Y.F. - Conference** **June 28 - July 3**
**(Compl. Grade 9 - 12)**

**Family Camp** **September 3 - 6**
**(ALL AGES!)**




**For information on other Christian Camps, please contact church office 744-3239.**

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## *Infant Dedication*

**ildren are important at First Christian, that's why we take time to dedicate them to new life as on as we can.**

**ie dedication service does not replace baptism, and should not be confused with baptism. No water used in the service. Pledges are made and blessings passed to the parents and children, to help ise these children within an environment that will one day lead them to making a confession of ith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and to become a baptismal candidate.**

**they grow in faith, it is the church's distinct privilege to help create an atmosphere of grace and ve, as made known to us in Christ.**

**you are a parent of a young child or new baby, we strongly encourage you to bring your ild/children for dedication. While this can occur anytime throughout the year, we are having two ecial times for dedication - February 14th and February 28th. The 28th is an extra special day, as is will occur during a Children's Sabbath worship, designed to highlight issues related to children. ease call the church office with questions or to let us know you would like your child dedicated.**

## WABASH VALLEY MUSIC ASSOCIATION presents "An Evening in Song"

No stranger to Wabash, but appearing on our series for the first time is former Wabash resident and soprano, *Virginia Johnson.* Joining her will be Dona Longbons, pianist and key board artist, and Nancy Morse, Harpist. This evening will prove to be a wonderful blend of old and new, classical and popular music, brought to us by three of the state's most talented vocal and musical artists. Don't miss this special opportunity to welcome Ginny, Dona and Nancy to Ford Theater.

First Christian Church is sponsoring a bus trip to this concert - Price is $38.00 which includes transportation, dinner, and concert.

Please make checks payable to First Christian Church. Deadline for ordering tickets is March 13, 1999.

For additional information call Sally Rudy at 744 - 9519 or church office at 744-3239.

*LETS ALL GO AND SUPPORT GINNY !!*

## LARGE PRINT

Any one interested in ordering a large print hymnal - please contact church office - cost is $22.99 each.

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## PICTURES - PICTURES WE NEED PICTURES

We are in need of candid photos - ASAP - from church activities for the NEW pictorial directory.

Please bring or send to church office or call Anne Moll for more information.

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## Children's Week of Compassion

The children will be collecting Week of Compassion offerings in their classes beginning February 7th.

Please help them remember to bring an extra offering during February.

Thank you!

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

**During the month of January, we have been preparing a new Church Directory. We have checked everyone's address and telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. We hope that it will be an error free publishing.**

**Please ask on Sunday, February 7th to see the new directory. We will have demonstration copies available for "looking at" only. We hope to go to press that week and have a new directory for everyone beginning February 14th.**

**(This is the directory with names, addresses and telephone numbers only - the last issue date was November 1996).**

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**GOURMET FOOD**

**Award Winning Dishes form our own FCC Family.**

**Sign-up now for Talent and or Food**
**Call Church Office**
**Sign up in Fellowship Hall**
**Call a Friend**
**Get out that school instrument and breathe some life into it.**
**Have some fun with your Sunday School Class**

**Enter the Taste of FCC Contest**

SERVING FEBRUARY 7TH

ELDERS
8:15 AM
Ralph Church, Eunice Conrad
10:45 PM
Ron Wise, Marlo Quick

DIACONATE
8:15 AM
Joan Ott, Delores Keebortz
Marty Bier, Marlene Crouse
10:45 AM
Eve Gorman, Kristian Scott,
John Bohlen, Greg Baitz,
Jenny Baitz, Ray Stover,
Linda Stover

COMMUNION PREPARATION
Marty Bier, Laura Whitworth
Wayne Whitworth

SERVING FEBRUARY 14TH

ELDERS
8:15 AM
Anne Moll, Kathy Cron
10:45 PM
Judy Mey, Donna Heimann

DIACONATE
8:15 AM
Julia Arnold, Carole Davis,
Roger Moll, Marlene Crouse
10:45 AM
Carolyn Falbe, Wayne Whitworth,
Laura Whitworth, Holly Mathis,
Larry Brey, Greg Baitz,
Jenny Baitz, Katie Moll

COMMUNION PREPARATION
Greg Baitz, Betty Grimm,
Jenny Baitz (2/14 & 21)

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION
Sam Hayes, Sue Brey,
Judy Church, Larry Brey,
Kris Ohneck, Roger Moll,
Charlie Hatten, Linda Deck

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## At the Feeder Again. . .

Oh, hi.....I was just watching a sea gull glide by.....Just a second while I set my ice tea down and take off my sunglasses....Here, could you rub a little sun-tan oil on my back?
Thanks....where did that gull go?

Now this is the way to start Lent!

...Oh, sorry... I'm writing you from the deck of a cruise ship. Nora and I have flown off for a little R&R, R&B, and what ever else comes along.....and I was just reflecting on how Lent is such a wonderful adventure (you did read the last Tidings). I think I'll give up the snack bar eclairs for Lent today. Just kidding.

Hope the snow is not too deep back home....wish you were here.

Actually, I'm sitting at my desk getting ready for the trip, and I'm blocking out all the bad thoughts. I'm not thinking about the flight down (I HATE TO FLY.) I'm not thinking about the pain in my back from dragging luggage around. I'm not thinking about standing in long lines. I'm especially not thinking about how I worry when we spend money.....I'm imagining a restful-adventure in the sunshine. I'm thinking about finding my spiritual navel. I'm thinking about smiling and soft music playing over dinner and watching the sun set from the back of the ship. I'm thinking that, as in life, I have a choice. Life, like Lent, can be a drudgery, or it can be an adventure.

Perhaps, if I gave up pop for Lent I might learn that water tastes wonderful. Perhaps, if I gave up 1 hour of TV time, I could journal about how God has been good to me today.

Continued . . .

I could chose to be more thankful. I could do random acts of kindness for Lent. I have a choice.

Thank you to Evan Drake Howard for liberating my thoughts on Lent. I've been re-reading his book for the Lenten Bible Study. It's called, "From Sacrifice to Celebration." He taught me that I can go through Lent like a caged parakeet, or I can enjoy it like a sea gull at low tide.

Howard says Lent can be dull and dreary, or it can be an adventure. He chooses to treat it like an adventure, and asks us to join him. I could simply choose to love God in a little different way for Lent, or I could just punish myself and feel miserable...

It's up to me.....

At another feeder,

Peace,

Neil

P.S. Hand me that guide to sea birds, will you?

*"And they shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not grow weary."*

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Beginning on *Wednesday, February 24th and continuing on each Wednesday through March 31st,* we will have Lenten Bible Studies twice a day.

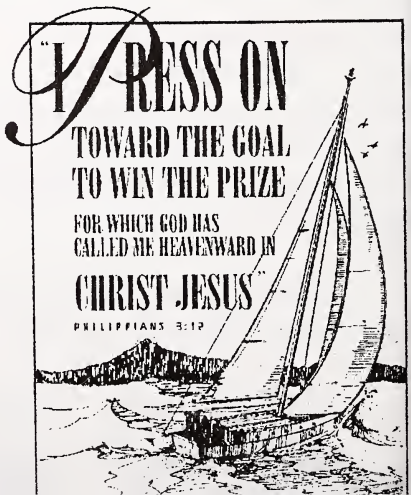
The times set for each Wednesday are

12:00 Noon in the Parlor
(Lunch Provided)

AND
7:00 PM in the Library

The Parlor has been set up for meditation and will be available on Wednesdays during hours that church office is open.

Be sure and pick-up your Lenten Devotional book in the sanctuary.



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**. . . . . Coming MAY 15, 1999 to**
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**4800 S. Calhoun Street**

**WATCH, WAIT, LISTEN and Prepare as further details will be announced in the weeks and months ahead. If you are cleaning closets while waiting for the first signs of spring, don't put those treasures out at the curb or burn them in the fireplace. Save them for your favorite non-profit organization - FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH. It has been two years since the last rummage sale was held, so this one promises to be bigger and better than ever.**

**START SAVING FOR IT NOW!**

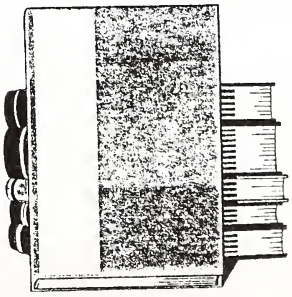
## *NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY*

**Three new books have been added to the First Christian Church library by members who made purchases at the Book Sale held last fall. Marlo Quick donated "I Love to Tell the Story," an excellent resource for those volunteering to give the Children's Moment during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Contact Pastor Neil Allen if you would like to check-out this book.**

**Kris Ohneck donated "Miss Fannie's Hat," an enchanting story about trust and faith and love. This book can be found in the Upper Room children's library.**

**A third book, "Bible Story Activities for Teachers, Vol. 1," was donated by Eunice Conrad and can be found in the Upper Room bookcase of resources for teachers.**

**Many thanks go to Marlo, Kris and Eunice for their generosity and their support of Christian Education at First Christian Church.**



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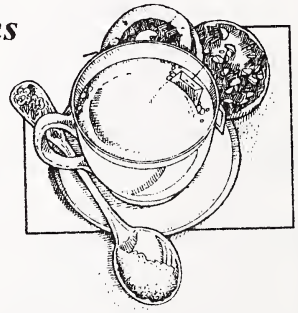

**<u>GOURMET FOOD</u> - Award Winning Dishes form our own FCC Family.**

**Sign-up now to contribute Talent and/ or Food**

**Call Church Office to Sign-up / Sign up in Fellowship Hall**
**Call a Friend**
**Get out that school instrument and breathe some life into it.**
**Have some fun with your Sunday School Class**

***Enter the Taste of FCC Contest***

# *Weight Watchers*

**Fellowship Hall**

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**Weigh In 4:30 - 5:30 PM**
***Meeting 5:30 - 6:30 PM***

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**Thursday's**
**Weigh In 9:00 - 10:00 AM**
***Meeting 10:00 - 11:00 AM***

## EASTER ANGEL's

The Outreach and Service Ministry Team will provide Easter Baskets and an Easter dinner to our Angel Tree families.

Donations of canned goods, candy, children's books, adult devotionals, Easter baskets, plastic eggs and new stuffed animals are needed.

If you would like to help with this project, please call Teresa Hatten at 447 - 2649 or bring your donation labeled "Angel Tree" to the church office.

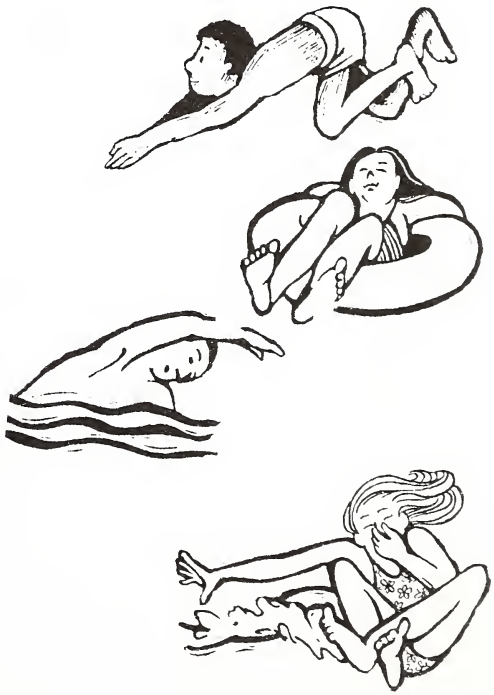
## PASTOR'S VACATION

Please remember that
Pastor and Mrs Allen
will be leaving on their vacation on Thursday, February 18th. They will be getting away from the cold and snow. And enjoy balmy breezes, sunshine and relaxing.

They will be returning rested and with tans.

Pastor Allen will return to the work force on Thursday, February 25th.

We pray that they have a wonderful time, stay well and return to us safely.



160th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Christian Church in Indiana

Meetings are 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Registration is $10.00 which includes noon meal and child care.

NORTH CENTRAL - MARCH 13TH.
132 N. West Street
Tipton, IN (765/675-7421)
TEAM MEMBERS: Bob Riester, Steve Moore, Laurie Hart, John Morris

## *Infant / Child Dedication*

**Children are important at First Christian, that's why we take time to dedicate them to new life as soon as we can.**

**The dedication service does not replace baptism, and should not be confused with baptism. No water is used in the service. Pledges are made and blessings passed to the parents and children, to help raise these children within an environment that will one day lead them to making a confession of faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and to become baptismal candidate.**

**As they grow in faith, it is the church's distinct privilege to help create an atmosphere of grace and love, as made known to us in Christ.**

**If you are a parent of a young child or new baby, we strongly encourage you to bring your child/children for dedication. While this can occur anytime throughout the year, we are having special time for dedication February 28th. The 28th is an extra special day, as this will occur during a Children's Sabbath worship, designed to highlight issues related to children.**

**Please call the church office with questions or to let us know you would like your infant or child dedicated.**

LEASE CALL YOUR ELDER AND/OR CHURCH. . .

. . when you or a member of your family is admitted to the
ıospital or becomes seriously ill or hurt
. . . when there is a death in the family

. . . when you move or change your telephone number
. . . when a new baby arrives
. . when you or a member of your family graduates from high school or college

. . when you or a member of your family receives an award or special honor
. . . when you are leaving home for an extended period
. . when a member of your family leaves home for college or to establish a new residence
. . . when you feel you need prayer or special assistance

## *Mom's On A Mission*

Mom's On A Mission (MOM) has started again!! You do not have to be a young mother with small children - some of the topics apply to mothers of <u>any age</u> - even grandmas whose children have children of their own. Check out the list of topics and mark the one you would like to attend.

M.O.M.'s meet Wednesdays at 1:00 PM in the parlor, with a different topic each week. You are welcome to attend one or all of the sessions. Each seminar is $10.00 which includes all materials and refreshments. as well as the program.

Try us out. You are sure to leave refreshed, rejuvenated and full of new ideas!.

P.S. For those who cannot attend on Wednesday afternoons, each seminar is repeated on
Monday evening at 7:00 PM at North Christian Church, and Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM at Aldersgate United Methodist.

For additional information and reservations, contact Becca Widmer at 672-8720.

Continued . . .

# PICTORIAL DIRECTORY
# UPDATE

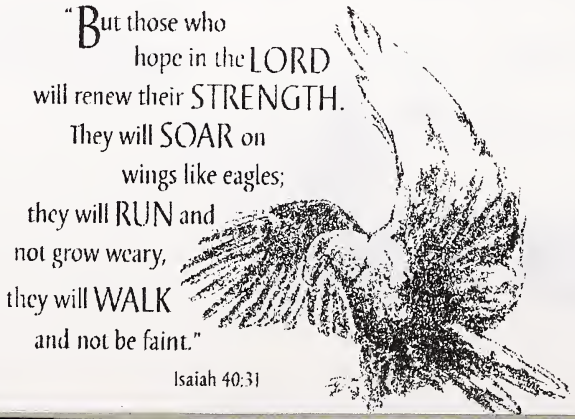
**New pictorial directories are being put together. But in order to make them as accurate and as up to date as possible we need your picture !!!**

**No "make-up" date is available unless we have 35 families that require one.**

**The dates for picture taking will be March 18, 19 and 20th.**

**Sunday the 21st is the last day to sign up to have your photo taken so that we can have you in our new Pictorial Directory**

**If you are unable to be here to sign up on 21st please call the church office and we will schedule your photo session on one of the dates in March.**



ecially Hurricane Mitch.

As we begin this year let us
ıgratulate each other and ourselves on
response to the needs from our
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cerely,
ymond E. Brown
erim President

E ASSOCIATED CHURCHES
FOOD BANK SYSTEM

ASH WEDNESDAY IS
FEBRUARY 17,
Our goal is to collect
3,000 pounds of canned fish by
Easter Sunday, April 4, 1999

## *LENT 1999*

## oaves & Fishes Collection

emember the story of the miracle told
John 6:1-14. The young lad's simple
sacrifice of two fish and five small
oaves of bread fed more than 5,000
people, and still there was food left
er! So it is with our cans of fish and
xes of crackers. The little each of us
ves can feed so many hungry people
in Fort Wayne!

Continued. . .

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**MOST NEEDED:**

Cans of Tuna, mackerel, and salmon

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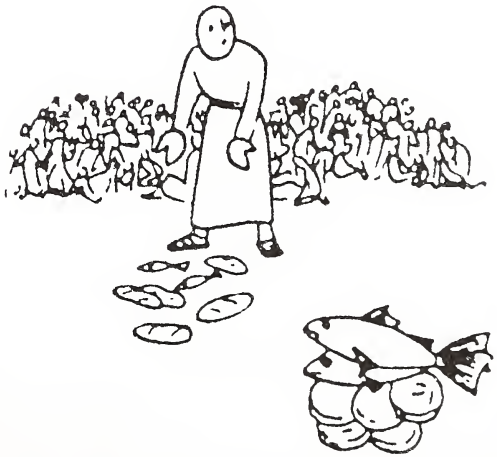
THE FOOD BANK SYSTEM THAT
FEEDS THE HUNGRY IN ALLEN
COUNTY
602 EAST WAYNE STREET
FW 46802
219/422 - 3528

If you as friends and members of First Christian Church wish to help, you may bring your canned fish and crackers to First Christian Church and these items will be gathered and distributed.



TOPICS FOR
MOM's ON A MISSION

**BRINGING OUT THE BEST**

Feb 22 - 7PM
North Christian Church
Feb 24 - 10:00 AM
Aldersgate
1:00 PM First Christian

**FAMILY FUN**

March 1 - 7:00 PM
North Christian Church
March 3 - 10:00 AM
Aldersgate
1:00 PM First Christian

**RAISING CREATIVE KIDS**

March 8 - 7PM
North Christian Church
March 10 - 10:00 AM
Aldersgate
1:00 PM First Christian

**GREAT GRANNIES**

March 15 - 7PM
North Christian Church
March 17 - 10:00 AM
Aldersgate
1:00 PM First Christian

Additional topics and dates will be made available in up coming issues of Tidings.

CHURCH FINANCE COUNCIL
UPDATE. . .

Dated January 14, 1999

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy New Year! It is a very happy new year indeed. Congratulations to you and those with whom you work for your response to the Gospel, by your giving to the outreach causes of the church.

It is an extreme pleasure for me to send you the annual comparative Statement of Offerings. As you can see, giving to each of the three mission funds of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is up:

| | |
|---|---|
| Basic Mission Finance | 1.91% |
| Reconciliation | 6.29% |
| Week of Compassion | 11.93% |

We have been trying for several years to reach an increase of 1% over the previous year.
We have done it! Thanks be to God!

In an attempt to help eliminate racism, you gave 6.29% more.

We all should celebrate our giving to Week of Compassion Regular which was up 11.93%, but especially to Week of Compassion (Designated) which was up a whopping 144.43%. The latter is in response to disasters in the world,

## *STEWARDSHIP MOMENT*

The book of Ecclesiastes is full of
etry like "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time
be born, and a time to die..." but there is also much wisdom concerning being God's steward.
Chapter 4, Verse 9-10 it says "two are better than one"..."For if they fall, one will lift up the
ıer; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help." The idea of
ewardship being a building up of the community by helping each other when we fall is what I
ınk Jesus had in mind.

In verse 12 it says "A threefold cord is not quickly broken." Two humans who help
ch other in love and are in fellowship with God create a threefold cord that is stronger than
e itself. Stewardship is about driving cancer patients to their hospital appointments, visiting
elderly person at the nursing home, caring for an ill friend. Two people loving each other
th no expectation of gain, except knowing that in their midst is a loving, caring, wonderful
od who is smiling from galaxy to galaxy is what Stewardship is all about.

Our financial gifts to the church are very important and make possible many of the
ings we do to care for those who are hurting and in need of help, but without love it is a
read easily broken. The handling of one's money for me is the easy part of understanding
ewardship. I saw a bumper sticker that said "Tithe if you love Jesus, anyone can honk" and I
ought tithing is good, loving Jesus is harder. A friend told me once that "the poorest person
knew was the person with nothing but money: and when I read the book of Ecclesiastes I
ow what he means. Whoever lives for any other purpose then the glory of God is doomed to
sappointment.

ıe Stewardship Ministry Team thank you very much for your willingness to share your love,
ayers and money to support the ministries of First Christian Church. Charlie Hatten.

Continued . . .

BUILDING the KINGDOM of GOD TOGETHER

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS
JANUARY, 1999

| *Income* | *Actual* | *Budget* |
|---|---|---|
| Regular Giving | $13, 509 | $13. 833 |
| 1999 Challenge | 731 | 1,445** |
| Total Giving | $14,240 | $15, 278 |

** The 1999 Challenge budget includes $1,000 per month from fund raising and giving by new members that will be received later this year.

## THANK YOU

Dear Friends of First Christian Church,

Thank you for all the prayers, thoughts and concerns, visits, cards, flowers, phone calls and food.

A special thank you to Pastor Allen, especially for sticking around through all the delayed surgery times.

It helps to feel the love and care of our church friends. Mary Wilhelm

## *ELDERS EXPRESS. . .* about keeping in touch

Any kind of real relationship is a two-way street - meaning that in good faith we reach toward each other actively - thus making good our intentions to communicate with each other.

But as you know lots of good things don't ever happen or go wrong even though the intentions are good.

The Elders have accepted a big beautiful assignment . . . it is to get to know better the people who have ties to First Christian. To do this there are now fourteen Care Groups with over a dozen in each group. By this time you should know who your Elder is. If you don't remember or haven't received word, please call the church office to find out.

And be patient with your Elder. We are all just learners trying to settle into this work that we believe is so very important. We ourselves have some adjusting to do to make room for it in our thoughts and schedules. Note the article below. An Elder is not a mind reader. So when there are things we need to know about you and your family, please tell us.

Eunice Conrad, Elder

## PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

**KINGSTON RESIDENCE**
7515 Winchester Road 46819
Don & Valetta Parlette - Room 410

**MILLERS MERRY MANOR**
5544 E. State Blvd - 46815
Garland Flickinger - Room 105

**OSSIAN HEALTH CARE**
215 Davis Road - Ossian 46777
Dorothy Green - Room 301A
Cora Conrad

**REGENCY PLACE OF FT WAYNE**
6006 Brandy Chase Cove -46815
Bernice Montgomery - Room 110

**RENAISSANCE VILLAGE**
650 S 800 E-92 46804
Kathlyn Banet - Room 218

**RIVERBEND**
7519 Winchester Road 46819
Lou Simmons - room 105 -2

**St. ANNE's NURSING HOME**
1900 Randallia Drive 46805
Ressie Ehresman - Room 324B

**TOWNHOUSE HEALTH CENTER**
2209 St. Joe Center Road 46825
Lola Miller - Room 201

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lucille Branstrator | 9721 Coverdale | 46809 |
| Andy Cook | 11335 Gongwer | 46845 |
| Virginia Englehart | 7300 Decatur Road Apt 508 | 46816 |
| Gladys Harshbarger | 2535 Sherman Blvd | 46808 |
| Helen Jordan | 6510 Covington Road | 46804 |
| Mildred Linn | 1427 Werling Road New Haven | 46774 |
| Thelma Onion | 2109 Huffman | 46808 |
| Virginian Pfluger | 2817 Westbrook Apt A-315 | 46805 |
| Emma Phillips | 1737 Godfrey | 46819 |
| Ethel Richhart | 2100 St. Mary's Ave Apt 224 | 46808 |
| Lila Russell | 3936 Irene Ct. | 46808 |
| Coleen Wilcoxson and Orda Glentzer | 746 Candlelite Court | 46807 |
| Charles Wrisk | 259 E. Sherwood | 46807 |

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Please make checks payable to First Christian Church. Deadline for ordering tickets is March 13. For additional information call Sally Rudy at 744 - 9519.

## LARGE PRINT

Any one interested in ordering a large print hymnal - please contact church office - cost is $22.99 each.

## PICTURES - PICTURES
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## Children's Week of Compassion

The children will be collecting Week of Compassion offerings in their classes beginning February 7th. Please help them remember to bring extra offering during February.

Thank you!

# CAMP BARBEE

**NEW BEGINNINGS JUNE 21 - 23**
**(Compl. Grade 2,3)JUNE24 - 26**

**YOUNG DISCIPLES JUNE 7 - 12**
**(Compl. Grade 4,5)JULY 12 - 17**
**AUGUST 2 - 7**

**CHI RHO CAMPJUNE14 - 19**
**(Compl. Grade 6,7,8)JULY19 - 24**
**MUSIC, ART, DRAMAAUGUST11 - 14**

**BUILDING BRIDGES JULY 5 - 10**
**Ages 12 - 14: An Inter-racial camp**

**C.Y.F. CONFERENCEJUNE28 - JULY 3**
**(Compl. Grade 9 - 12)**

**FAMILY CAMP SEPTEMBER 3 - 6**
***(All Ages)***

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY 21ST, 1999
GUEST SPEAKER
OUR VERY OWN
REVEREND PATRICIA B. MULLEN
BOTH SERVICES

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Many soups but
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Watch
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and up coming issues of
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for additional
information on these
FCC events !

## Request for Contemporary Worship Questionnaires

On Wednesday, January 27th we experienced a new form of "Contemporary" Worship, with a group of 35 persons. Many good comments were heard that evening, and questionnaires were handed out.

The general consensus is that we would like to do this again, however, we need the response forms. Please send it to the office ASAP so we can schedule our next "experimental contemporary worship."

## D. M. A.

**D. M. A. says - Let's share our *"Change for Change"***

**~Collect your pocket change**
**~Bring it on the 1st Sunday of each month**
**~Dump it in the big glass jar and watch it grow**

## *PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS and LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS.*

**Family of Charles Schnobel in Death of Charles Sister**
**Orda Glentzer family in death of Orda's brother**
**Family of Ruby Mowery**
**Family of Freda Flaugh**

**LOU SIMMONS - Diane Mory's Mother at Riverbend**
**BETTY LANNING - sister of Phyllis (Sue) Brickley Cancer treatments**
**EUGENE KLEPFER -Recovering from seriously cut hand and staff infection - P.O. Box 1088 - Tarpon Springs FL 34688**

**UDY MEY - At Home**
**ATHY FORBES - At Home**
**VILBUR SNOOK - At Home**
**UTH TRUESDELL - At Home**
**IARY WILHELM -At Home**
**BILL DEVINNEY - At Home**
**JEAN McGREW - Awaiting test results**
**GLADYS HARSHBARGER - At Home**
**VIRGINIA ENGLEHART - At Home**
**ANDY EVANS - At Home**

**THELMA ONION - Recovering from a fall**
**BARB RUMPEL - Awaiting transplant**

**VIRGINIA BRUCKMAN - Surgery February 17th**
**SHARI GRIER - Surgery - February 17th.**
**VINCE WELLS - Back Surgery - Tuesday, February 16th.**

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# Tidings

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March 3, 1999

## At the Feeder Again. . .

One very cold March day, as I sat at the breakfast table in the parsonage at Clayton, Illinois, I was distracted from my study by a frantic Tufted Titmouse. (That's a little perching birdie for those of you who choose to remain ignorant about the million or so *passeriformes* (perching birds) who share your little nook of the woods.) The cute little guy with his little black cheek dot was starving to death. Frantically he tore at the empty feeder hanging within 6" of the window.

I didn't feed birds in those days. The empty feeder swinging in the wind was a left-over from the previous pastor.

As I stood to study the little fella a bit closer, he noticed my face moving within inches of the pane. Most birds just blast off at that point, but not this half-crazed maniac. He lunged for the window...obviously his hunger was boiling like a near empty tea kettle on high heat.

As I studied his plumage coloration, he shouted hungry demands. As I noted his beak shape, he flailed away at the glass as if he were locked in a sinking car. I had no food to offer, so I backed from the scene to get a note pad to record his visit. He shot off into the frigid Illinois winter looking for compassion.

The image of starvation stayed with me, and that day I decided the time had come to fulfill a lifelong dream to feed wild birds. It has since become my passion.

I've seen that look of starvation many times since that day. Sometimes I see it in the eyes of those who pass through the church on Sunday morning. I've held the hand of spiritual hunger in the hospital when a non-church-goer asks me to pray

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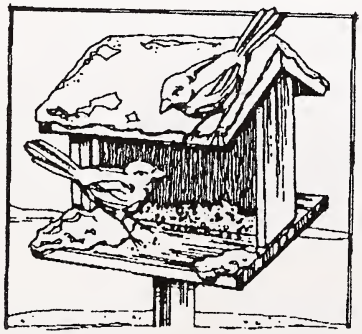
with them before surgery. The hands and the eyes express two things, a hungering for God, caused by years of neglecting their spiritual life, and desperation, caused by fear of death and fear that God will find them unsatisfactory..

Now, I know I can't quiet the hunger of the world, but I can feed a few Tufted Titmice along the way. I also know, as your pastor, my task is to teach you how to recognize the hungering souls that come within inches of you every day, especially those that might be sharing a pew next to you, and to ask if there is any compassion you can share.

Feeding on (and sharing) the love of Christ,

Neil

***"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" Matthew 5:6***



BIBLE STUDY

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

On *Wednesday, February 24th Lenten Bible Study began and will continue each Wednesday through March 31st.* The studies are scheduled twice each Wednesday.

The times set for each Wednesday are:

12:00 Noon in the Parlor
(Lunch Provided)

AND
7:00 PM in the Library

The Parlor has been set up for meditatio and will be available on Wednesday during hours that church office is open.

Please make a note that if you will be her for the 12 Noon study, we need you to call the church office on Tuesday to let us know. In that way w will be able to plan enough "goodies" fc everyone for lunch.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ***LOST MINISTERS. . . . .***

Does anyone know where the pictures of our former ministers are?????

They're missing! Call the church office if you have any idea where they might be.

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!!! HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH !!!

Registration forms for the ICYF Conference - July 7 - 11, 1999 to be held in Fort worth, TX have arrived.

Youth who have completed grades 9-12 are eligible to go.

If you are interested , contact Katie Moll at 482-7519 IMMEDIATELY. We need to send the registration in by March 22.

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*Thank you . . .*

"I wish to thank you all so much for your kind thoughts and prayers. I am doing much better than I had expected, and I am sure it is due to your many prayers, that God is taking such good care of me.

Bette Lanning
(Sue Brickley's Sister)

*Thank you . .*

Thank you so much for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers for my recent surgery.

Nancy Yeoman
(Daughter of Evelyn)

## *A STORY FROM YOUR GLOBAL MINISTRIES . . .*

March 14 is worldwide "Day of Prayer" for Burma, where civil war and the repression of ethnic minorities has forced thousands of people into refugee camps along the Thai-Burma border. It is here that Karen and David Eubank are engaged in a varied ministry which includes supporting evangelists as well as a Bible distribution program among the Karen and Karenni refugees.

Based in Chiang Mai, they "trek into the Talako0Karen area each month, renewing friendships, sharing the gospel, and providing medical treatment for anything ranging from gunshot wounds to decaying teeth." At one border hostel for children, Samuel, the hostel-father, has created a new church of 40 members. Last summer on one trek to the area Karen and David carried a nine-year-old blind girl, who attends a school for the blind in Chiang Mai, back to her village where she amazed her family with what she had learned.

"Of grave concern inside Burma are the thousands of internally displaced persons. These are people who have fled or been removed form their homes by force but cannot or do not want to go to a refugee camp in Thailand. We assist in short missions to there Internally Displaced Persons, sending in teams of evangelists and medics who give comfort and hope as well as medicine, Bibles and hymnals. For those Christians who have fled their homes and lost everything, the most desired object is a Bible or hymnal. And for non-Christians, what is needed most is hope, not a false hope in promises of immediate peace or victory, but the true hope that Christ gives us; that he will never leave us or forsake us, that He gives us peace now; that He will redeem all situations, and that we will live eternally with God."

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## ***RETIREMENT CELEBRATION***
### ***FOR***
## ***ART VERMILLION***

***Sunday, April 25, 1999***
***3:30 - 6:00 PM***

**Speedway Christian Church - 5110 West 14th Street - Indianapolis, IN**

*Want to start summer the right way ???*

***Be a part of the I.D.O.C.***

***YOUNG ADULT MISSION TRIP***

***May 12-15, 1999***

***Traveling to St. Louis to work at the***

***National Benevolent Association's***

***ECHO Emergency Children's Home***

***Cost: $20.00 per person***

***(You are responsible for your own meals)***

***ring:*** ***Sleeping Bag, Pillow, Hygiene Items, Comfortable Clothing, Spending Money.***

**/ednesday May 12 - 10:00 AM - Leave from the Regional Office of the Indiana Disciples of Christ located within the Interchurch Center at 1100 West 42nd street.**

**turday May 15 - 8:00 PM - Return to Regional Office**

**he National Benevolent Association is a division of the Disciples of Christ hristian church and is a major non-profit organization focusing on touching the es of people in need through its 71 facilities and programs in 21 states. These rograms offer services to: older adults, children, youth and families, families, fferently abled persons, persons suffering from chronic mental illness, and others ith special needs.**

**SPACE IS LIMITED TO FIRST 10 PEOPLE**

**To sign up or for more information contact:**

**Muffy Holloway or Omar Habayeb**

**317/387-9306 or 317/823-3995**

**mhollowa@butler.edu or OmarHabaye@aol.com**

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***Meeting 6:30 - 7:30 PM***

**Thursday's**
**Weigh In 9:00 - 10:00 AM**
***Meeting 10:00 - 11:00 AM***

*PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS and LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS.*

**Family of Bob Petty**
**Family of Frank Moody**

**LOU SIMMONS - Diane Mory's Mother at Riverbend**
**BETTY LANNING - sister of Phyllis (Sue) Brickley Cancer treatments**
**JUDY MEY - At Home**
**CATHY FORBES - At Home**
**GLADYS HARSHBARGER - At Home**
**VIRGINIA ENGLEHART - At Home**
**ANDY EVANS - At Home**
**VIRGINIA BRUCKMAN - At Home**
**BILL DEVINNEY - At Home**
**WILBUR SNOOK - At Home**
**RUTH TRUESDELL - At Home**
**MARY WILHELM -At Home**
**SHARI GRIER - At Home**
**JEAN McGREW - Lutheran - Room 309-2**
**THELMA ONION - Recovering from a fall**
**BARB RUMPEL - Awaiting transplant**
**VINCE WELLS - Lutheran Rehab - Room 126**

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160th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Christian Church in Indiana
Meetings are 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Registration is $10.00 which includes noon meal and child care.

NORTH CENTRAL - MARCH 13TH.
132 N. West Street
Tipton, IN (765/675-7421)
TEAM MEMBERS: Bob Riester, Steve Moore, Laurie Hart, John Morris

WORLD's

# BIGGEST

RUMMAGE SALE

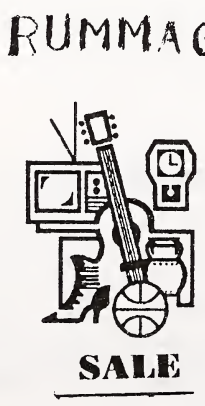
..... Coming MAY 15, 1999 to
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
4800 S. Calhoun Street
WATCH, WAIT, LISTEN

Prepare as further details will be announced in the weeks and months ahead. If you are cleaning closets while waiting for the first signs of spring, don't put those treasures out at the curb or burn them in the fireplace. Save them for your favorite non-profit organization -

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

It has been two years since the last rummage sale was held, so this one promises to be bigger and better than ever.

START SAVING FOR IT NOW!




## *NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY*

Three new books have been added to the First Christian Church library by members who made purchases at the Book Sale held last fall. Marlo Quick donated "I Love to Tell the Story," an excellent resource for those volunteering to give the Children's Moment during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Contact Pastor Neil Allen if you would like to check-out this book.

Kris Ohneck donated "Miss Fannie's Hat," an enchanting story about trust and faith and love. This book can be found in the Upper Room children's library.

A third book, "Bible Story Activities for Teachers, Vol. 1," was donated by Eunice Conrad and can be found in the Upper Room bookcase of resources for teachers.

Many thanks go to Marlo, Kris and Eunice for their generosity and their support of Christian Education at First Christian Church.

## *THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY . . .*

ill be sponsoring a *LOOK GOOD-EEL BETTER* workshop on Saturday, larch 20, 1999, from 10:00 AM until :00 PM at the Women's Cancer enter at Lutheran Hospital.

he workshop, let by trained osmetologists, is designed to help ancer patients improve their ppearance and self-image by teaching ands-on beauty techniques. articipants receive their own bag of eauty supplies to work with. The orkshop covers topics such as make-p application, wig and turban styling, ry skin care and nail care.

he workshop is for women living ith cancer or undergoing cancer eatments. Box lunches will be rovided. There is no charge for the lass.

all your American Cancer Society at 71-3991 to register for the class.

his is a great way to *look good* nd *feel better* about yourself !!

♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

## *MARCH 24TH*

*MARK YOUR CALENDARS*

POT LUCK DINNER
6:00 PM
FOLLOWED BY
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
SERVICE AT 7:00 PM

## *Erin's House needs your help !!*

Erin's' House for Grieving Children is seeking volunteers to serve as peer support group facilitators for children, teens and their families who have experienced the death of an important person in their lives.

Volunteers DO NOT need prior experience working with grieving children. We provide 30 hours of comprehensive training covering the tools and techniques used to facilitate the peer support groups. However, at Erin's House, the importance of consistency is reinforced in a child's life, therefore, we do require volunteers commit to one year of service, within established schedule, twice a month. Currently, there are more than 100 children and teens (65 families) participating in our peer support groups each month.

Continued

Erin's House continued

Following is the facilitator training schedule for April, 1999. For more information call 423-2466.
Wednesday April 7; Friday April 9;
Wednesday April 14; Friday April 16;
Wednesday April 21; Friday April 22,
Wednesday, April 28.
All training is from 5:30 - 9:30 PM each night listed.

You should attend each training session.

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## THE ASSOCIATED CHURCHES FOOD BANK SYSTEM

has a goal to collect
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Easter Sunday, April 4, 1999

*LENT 1999*
Loaves & Fishes Collection

Remember the story of the miracle told in John 6:1-14. The young lad's simple sacrifice of two fish and five small loaves of bread fed more than 5,000 people, and still there was food left over! So it is with our cans of fish and boxes of crackers. The little each of us gives can feed so many hungry people in Fort Wayne!

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**MOST NEEDED:**

Cans of Tuna, mackerel, and salmon

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Your food donations may be brought to the church office.

## Mom's On A Mission

Mom's On A Mission (MOM) has started again!! You do not have to be a young mother with small children - some of the topics apply to mothers of any age - even grandmas whose children have children of their own. Check out the list of topics and mark the one you would like to attend.

M.O.M.'s meet Wednesdays at 1:00 PM in the parlor, with a different topic each week. You are welcome to attend one or all of the sessions. Each seminar is $10.00 which includes all materials and refreshments, as well as the program.

Try us out. You are sure to leave refreshed, rejuvenated and full of new ideas!.

P.S. For those who cannot attend on Wednesday afternoons, each seminar is repeated on Monday evening at 7:00 PM at North Christian Church, and Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM at Aldersgate United Methodist.

For additional information and reservations, contact Becca Widmer at 672-8720.

Continued . . .

TOPICS FOR
MOM's ON A MISSION

**SING CREATIVE KIDS**
h 8 - 7PM
n Christian Church
h 10 - 10:00 AM
rsgate
PM First Christian

**AT GRANNIES**
h 15 - 7PM
n Christian Church
h 17 - 10:00 AM
rsgate
PM First Christian

**VING A LEGACY**
h 22 - 7 PM
n Christian Church
h 24 - 10 AM
rsgate
Christian

**LOST ARE OF HOSPITALITY**
h 29 - 7 PM
n Christian Church
h 31 - 10:00AM
rsgate
PM First Christian
tional topics and dates will be made
able in up coming issues of Tidings.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 1999 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be held in Cincinnati in October from the 8th thru the 12th.

Adult registration is $75.00 - youth $37.50 or Seminarian $37.50.

About 9,000 people attend any or all of the Assembly. An average day begins at 7:30 AM with Bible Study and Worship. Business follows this session at 9:00 AM until noon. The afternoons are for workshops, outreach projects and business (if necessary). The evenings are exciting worship services with world class preachers. Evening speakers in the past have been Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Archbishop Desmond Tutu for South Africa, Dr. Fred Craddock (he usually preaches the Christmas Eve services on NBC), etc.

"The Assembly" is one of the greatest events of the Church. This year the Assembly will elect Dr. Richard Hamm as General Minister and President.

For more information and registration forms contact Neil or call church office.

## D. M. A.

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**Botanical Gardens**
**for**
**Lunch and Tour**

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**Thank you.**

## ɔod News !!!!!

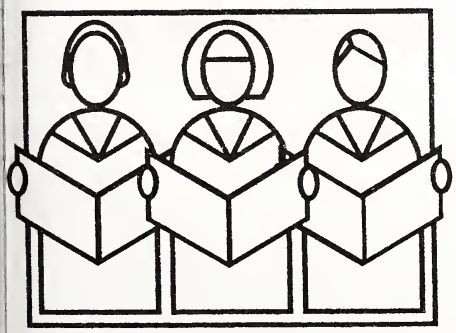
ɔd News! A new "baby" has been n! This "baby" is the women's ing group called Good News. If you e at "Strings and Stars" you were ent for their debut, "Victory in is."

ɔresent there are nine of us singing little hearts out at practice on ırday mornings with Janice, who ks we can do it, so we do.

ou think we looked specially nice ı our look-alike shirts, it was Diane y's fault - she made them.

hope that we can sing for you again ı.

WE REALLY ENJOYED IT.



## Of Strings and Stars

If you missed Sunday evening's extravaganza sponsored by our youth group, you missed out on an inter-generational evening of bonding. What a fun evening it was !!!

The participants - both young and old - are too numerous to mention. We are a congregation brimming over with delightful talents that we need more opportunities to share.

And, not the least of our gifts are those of the kitchen. The cooks made our eyes sparkle and our juices flow. The winners were:

Nora Allen
"Fantastic Chicken Balls"

Dick Mey
"Spaetzle"
German Dumplings/Small Noodles

Donna Heimann
Wild Rice & Cheddar Cheese Soup

The Green Family
Apple Salad with Peanut Butter

The Whitworth Family
"Sticky Buns"

Congratulations to each and every one of you. I know that I am sorry that I missed out on the fun and goodies - how about you? Maybe next year . . .

# SERVING - MARCH 7, 1999

## *ELDERS*

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|---|---|
| 8:15 AM | Anne Moll, Kathy Cron |
| 10:45 AM | Charles McGrew, Becca Widmer |

## *DIACONATE*

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|---|---|
| 8:15 AM | Joan Ott, Delores Keebortz, Roger Moll, Betty Grimm |
| 10:45 AM | Kristian Scott, John Bohlen, Linda Deck, Christi Deck, Ray Stover, Linda Stover, Joan Franklin |

## *COMMUNION PREPARATION*

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|---|---|
| March 7 | Delores Keebortz, Linda Stover, Ray Stover |

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## At the Feeder Again. . .

The other day I nearly stopped feeding birds altogether. It's not been a very good winter for me at the feeder. I have very few birds relying on me and that can be discouraging. I am accustomed to having hundreds of birds of every variety and species. After all, I hand mix my feed. I have invested a great deal in equipment and presentation. And, how could I forget, we nearly broke the bank buying a house with trees, just so those silly birds would have a place to roost while I fixed their special treats. It nearly got to me the other day.

The straw that nearly broke it all happened last Tuesday when I looked out to find two of the saddest doves I've ever seen. They were just sitting there on the edge of a $40 ground feeder from Wild Birds Unlimited. There they sat, slumped shoulders and dumpy looking.

I cried aloud, "Is that it?" I bleated out a dismal bawl for Nora. "Look" I said, as she hurriedly arrived with a worried look, "There are the results of all our efforts....two sorry looking....two depressing....two pitiful, uncheerful mourning doves!" I pointed at the dismal looking characters that hadn't even moved. They looked like a couple of drunks on the morning after. It was nearly all I could take. Nora just gave me a look and went back to her life.

I started to laugh. They were so forlorn, so desolate and diminished in spirit, I laughed to keep from crying. I laughed and I laughed....and I didn't know if I was laughing at myself for being so impatient or at these creatures that had probably eaten so much expensive seed that they couldn't lift a beak for a mustard seed.

I decided to keep feeding those two. What the heck, doesn't it say somewhere

in the bible that two or more is a good thing? After all, they were trying their best, even as disgusting, and as unhappy-faced, and as sorry looking as they appeared. At least they were present for the tally. I thought to myself as I moved away from the window shaking my head, there has to be something in that.

As I trudged away with the image of slump-shouldered, droopy eyed doves still plopped in my mind like ice cream on the K Mart parking lot in July, I started to think of them spiritually and I chuckled to myself. "Who knows," I thought, "maybe they had given up corn for Lent."

"Cheer-up," I told myself, "perhaps these poor creatures are just suffering from the Indiana mid-winter-half-way-through-Lent blahs. Spring is coming. It's nearly Easter."

I've got to go. I'll see you Sunday. I've got to get on with mixing my best feed for my two new friends.

Hoping to see my doves, and a little sun on the feeder, and.....

.... feeding myself on the love of Christ,

Neil

## *WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW. . .*

**LENTEN NOON BIBLE STUDIES CONTINUE**

**12:00 Noon in the Parlor - Lunch provided.**

**Please make note that the 7:00 P study has been changed on March 2 to a Contemporary Worship servi and canceled on March 31st f Cantata rehearsal.**

**The Parlor has been set up f meditation and will be available Wednesdays during hours that chur office is open.**

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**D.M.A. FINALLY !!**

***Tuesday, March 23rd.***
***Meeting at 12:00 Noon***
***Botanical Gardens***
***for***
***Lunch and Tour***

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# Finding our way into Worship

**Wednesday, March 24th.**
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**
**POT LUCK DINNER**
**6:00 PM**
**followed by**
**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**
**SERVICE AT 7:00 PM**
***!!! LOTS OF MUSIC !!!***

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## *RACHEL CIRCLE ALERT*

**The Rachel Circle is small, but alive and struggling. Please notice the "Health Kits" on display in the sanctuary Sunday, March 21st.**

**Contributions of money and time have enabled members to purchase and assemble these necessary items to be distributed by Church World Services in disaster areas.**

**The cost of shipment is fifty ($ .50) cents per pound. If you wish to be an enabler, please feel free to feed our little bank.**

**Mildred Hutchinson**
**Chairperson**

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## *LOOKING TOWARD FUTURE EVENTS*

*April 1st*
*MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE*

A memorable communion service, at 7:00 PM, of lights and shadow and scripture reading (Tenebrea) to remember our Lord.

APRIL 2ND GOOD FRIDAY
SERVICES - 12:30 - 1:30 PM
AT CALVARY THIRD UNITED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(Anthony & Capital)

APRIL 3rd
BREAKFAST WITH THE
EASTER BUNNY
PLEASE CONTRIBUTE
WRAPPED CANDY NOW FOR THE
"EASTER EGG HUNT".(Candy can
be dropped off at church office)

April 4th.EASTER SUNDAY
SUNRISE SERVICES AT FCC WITH
GRACE ST. JOHNS 6:30 AM
FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST
AT 7:15 AM.
*REGULAR SERVICES AND SUNDAY*
*SCHOOL AT USUAL TIMES.*

## EASTER ANGELS

The Outreach and Service Ministry Team will provide Easter Baskets and an Easter dinner to our Angel Tree families.

Donations of canned goods, candy, children's books, adult devotionals, Easter baskets, plastic eggs and new stuffed animals are needed.

If you would like to help with this project, please call Teresa Hatten at 447 - 2649 or bring your donation labeled "Angel Tree" to the church office.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16TH - "Soup
Supper" - All kinds of soup, bu
featuring 'HAM & BEANS".

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*APRIL 24TH - Bus trip to hear*
*Ginny Johnson at Honeywe*
*Center in Wabash. Bus leaves a*
*4:30 PM. Please pay for trip nov*

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## TREASURE HUNT VBS

A Treasure Hunt is coming to FC
beginning Sunday evening June 27th in th
form of Vacation Bible School. Thi
promises to be an exciting event fo
everyone. To find out what the treasure i
all about plan to attend the introductor
meeting to be held April 12th at 7 PM in th
Board Room.

## *CLOSET CLEANING ???*

***Before the snow melts and the grass need***
***cutting, rummage through your closets fo***
***contributions for the***

**WORLD's BIGGEST RUMMAGE**
**SALE**
**May 15th**

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## ringVIEW 99

all Indiana Disciples Women

ST: $7.00 (Includes lunch, program
erial, etc) Childcare provided at each
tion...Just bring a sack lunch for your
d/children.

*NG A CAR OR VAN FULL...MAKE*
*S A WONDERFUL DAY OUT !!!*

DATES / LOCATIONS

- March 27th FCC - LaPorte
- April 10th West Street Christian Church - Tipton
- April 17th Allisonville Christian Church - Indianapolis
- May 1 FCC - Jeffersonville
- May 15 Federated Church - West Lafayette

EACH LOCATION: A choice of
mini seminars (one morning/one
noon) on a variety of topics of
rest. One choice at each place will be
upcoming study materials

"Spiritual Inheritance: Claim it! Live it!...
Something for everyone! Excellent
Continued
books for sale from Christian Board of Publication, Guatemalan crafts...don't miss this chance for worship, sharing, learning, fellowship, new ideas!

Registration forms are available thru church office.

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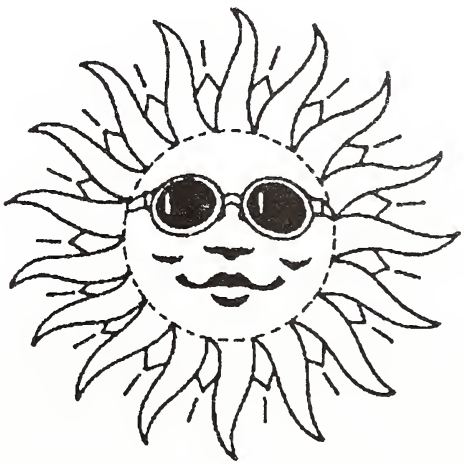
!!! HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH !!!

Registration forms for the ICYF Conference - July 7 - 11, 1999 to be held in Fort Worth, TX have arrived.

Youth who have completed grades 9-12 are eligible to go.

If you are interested , contact Katie Moll at 482-7519 IMMEDIATELY. We need to send the registration in by March 22.



## VACATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Has our most recent snow storm driven you to thinking about your summer vacation? Sunday School teachers at First Christian Church have a summer vacation beginning the first Sunday in June through the last Sunday in August. Which means that Summer Sunday School at FCC needs different leadership for those three months.**

**If you would be willing to help give these deserving teachers a much needed rest, please contact the church office (744-3239) or Judy Church 447 - 5691.**

## D.M.A.

NEW PROJECT. . .

**Our very own D.M.A. is putting together recipes for a new "FCC Cookbook."**

**Guys and Gals, please bring your favorite recipe or recipes to Elinor Place or drop them off at the church office.**

**Proceeds from the cookbook will go towards a D.M.A. project to be named at a future date.**

**Continued. . .**

**If you have any questions, please give Elinor Place a call at 747-6893 or call church office.**

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**PICTURES - PICTURES**
**WE NEED PICTURES**

**We are in need of candid photos - ASAP - from church activities for the NEW pictorial directory. Please bring or send to church office or call Anne Moll for more information.**

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVING. . .

**"LOAVES AND FISHES COLLECTION"**

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*YOUNG ADULT MISSION TRIP*
*MAY 12 - 15, 1999*

*Traveling to St. Louis to work at The National Benevolent Association's Echo Emergency Children's Home. Cost: $20.00 per person. You are responsible for your own meals. For more information contact Muffy Holloway or Omar Habayeb 317/387-9306. Hurry - space is limited.*

*CAMP COUNSELORS ARE NEEDED*

PLEASE ADVISE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A COUNSELOR THIS YEAR. OUR YOUNG PEOPLE NEED YOU!

## *Retirement celebration for Art Vermillion*

*Sunday, April 25, 1999*
*3:30 - 6:00 PM*
*Speedway Christian Church*
*5110 West 14th Street*
*Indianapolis, IN*

***PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS and LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS.***

**MARY WILHELM and family in the death of Mary's Mother-in-law Marie Wilhelm - to have soon been 101 years of age.**

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**ORDA GLENTZER - St. Joe Hospital**

**JEAN McGREW - At Home**
**VINCE WELLS - At Home**

**BARB RUMPEL - Awaiting transplant**
**RALPH RICHARDS**

## ***BARBEE CHRISTIAN CAMP***

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| **NEW BEGINNINGS** | **June 21 - 23** |
| **(Compl. Grade 2,3)** | **June 24 - 26** |
| **YOUNG DISCIPLES** | **June 7 - 12** |
| **(Compl. Grade 4,5)** | **July 12 - 17** |
| | **Aug 2 - 7** |
| **Chi Rho Camp** | **June 14 - 19** |
| **(Compl. Grade 6,7,8)** | **July 19 - 24** |
| **Music, Art, Drama** | **Aug 11 - 14** |
| **Building Bridges** | **July 5 - 10** |
| **(Ages 12 - 14: an inter-racial camp)** | |
| **C.Y.F. Conference** | **June 28 - July 3** |
| **(Compl. Grade 9 - 12)** | **July 26 - 31** |
| **Family Camp** | **Sept 3 - 6** |
| **(All Ages)** | |

**Registration forms are available through church office (744-3239)**

### *SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES*

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|---|---|---|---|
| **NEW MEXICO:** | **(Compl. Grade 9 - 12)** | **"Dzilth" Navajo Res.** | **June 13-26** |
| | **(Compl. Grade 9-12** | **"Mt. "Taylor Navajo Res.** | **July 11-24** |
| **TRAIL CAMP:** | **(Ages 15 - 21)** | **Great Smoky Mountains** | **June 14-20** |
| **YOUNG ADULT RETREAT:** | | | **Aug 6 - 8** |
| **I.C.Y.F. ASSEMBLY:** | **(C.Y.F. Youth Leaders)** | **TCU at Ft Worth** | **July 7-11** |

## WHY PEOPLE )ON'T HAVE WILLS

Most people in the United States die without ills.

Why do you think persons die without xecuting this very basic legal document? everal very powerful forces work against ne execution of this document.

hese include: procrastination; fear of dealing with the subject of death; an unwillingness to ake difficult decisions; fear of attorneys; and he cost of executing a will. The fear of death nay be the most powerful of all these negative orces.

onically, the church openly celebrates the eath and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God's ominion prevails over this most feared human eality. The will of God for Christians includes he promise of eternal life for those who believe. Our written will can be a joyful expression of ur belief in eternal life. Sadly, most fail to ake this expression of love to their families. he negative forces of procrastination and gnorance can be overcome.

Make your will an expression of your love! Writing a will can be a joyful moment when one arranges for those final gifts that mean so much.

or more information, contact our pastor or ne Christian Church Foundation at 300\668-8016.

## ONE MAN'S LEG[illegible]

Samuel brown was a faithful member of First Christian Church, the church of both his parents and grandparents. He attended Sunday School and worship faithfully throughout his lifetime. He never gave more than $2,000 annually to the church, but three years before his death, he gave $1,000 for a church building campaign.

Although he never married, his constant companion the last 20 years of his life was Ramona. She cared for Sam during his month long illness prior to his death. His will left his estate to Ramona upon his death. When the estate was settle, the total value exceeded $1 million. Ramona said she doubted Sam knew he had such a large estate. He had lived simply and spent his money conservatively.

Within two years of Sam's death, Ramona died suddenly. Like Sam, she had never married and had but a few distant relatives. Upon her death, her entire estate was left to a different charity.

Sam left his estate to the one he loved most, but do you think he could have imagined what would ultimately happen to his estate? His congregation failed to challenge him to make a gift to the church through his will.

He could have given Ramona the use of the income from his estate through a testamentary trust, and at the time of her death, the trust would have become the property of Sam's church. Ramona's needs would have been met and more importantly, Sam's church would hav received a large gift, enabling it to expand its witness in the community.

We have received from the estate of Sara Smitl a letter indicating FCC will receive over $100.! for the memorial funds within the next few mo We thank Sara for her long range view of Chri Stewardship.

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"My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and
they follow me."

- John 10:27

## *Elders Express . . .*

### *About the future*

**A few weeks ago I was asked to prepare a devotional for our monthly elders meeting, and after that I was asked to write it to share with you in the Tidings. The topic given was "the future of the church based on our Dreamweavers' meeting and the year 2000. It seemed like an overwhelming assignment because so much was accomplished that Saturday morning when we met for just a few hours.**

**Then my eyes fell on a small plaque that has been above my kitchen sink for many years. The words were Jeremiah 29: 11, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a good future." And that is certainly what we received at the Dreamweavers meeting, the assurance that God has a plan for FCC to prosper and have a good future.**

**In looking at the context of this passage from Jeremiah, I found it in a letter from Jeremiah to the Jews in Babylonia where Nebuchadnezzar had taken the leading citizens of Jerusalem after destroying the city between 587 and 586 B.C. Jeremiah's letter is filled with action words: build, plant, marry, have**

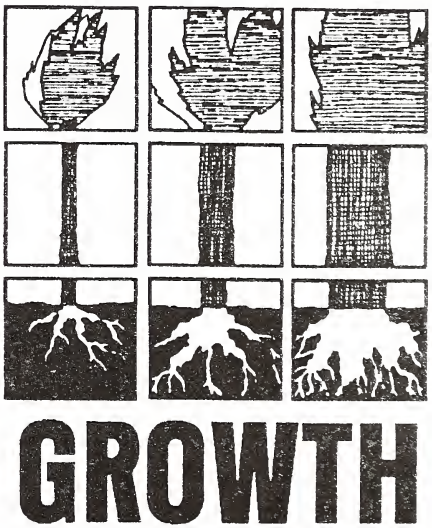
ildren, (you must increase in mbers,) work, pray And then there is warning not to pay attention to those no claim they can predict the future. remiah says God alone knows the ans God has for them, plans to bring osperity and a future filled with hope. HEN you will call to me, you will me and pray to me and I will answer u. You will seek me and you will find e because you will seek me with all ur heart."

we not live in similar times? We may t be aware of exile but there are times nen I think that as Christians pporting a mainline church we are in ile and under attack from the culture which we live. And surely we live in a ne when many, many people are edicting the future as we approach the ar 2000 (a.k.a. Y2K, the millennium). r me the guidance from this scripture s summed up in the words pray, seek with all your heard and then act.

few days later I read the March 1 editation in the Lenten devotional by mes E. Crouch. That day's scripture s Matthew 6:34, "So do not worry out tomorrow." Crouch observed t, "the future is not something you edict: it is something you create and u create it by what you do today."

r me, these scriptures are powerful ectives to grow spiritually through r dependency on God and then to take action to create the future that God has planned for this fellowship of Christians at 4800 S. Calhoun. I think we have listened and are continuing to listen and must never stop listening. And I am excited about the plans God has for us.

**Judy Church, Elder**



## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,
Thanks for the candy, cards and encouragement. Special thanks to the pre-schoolers for their gifts and to Neil for being there with me. Thanks also to Janice and the choir for the special attention. They all meant a great deal.

Sincerely,
Vince Wells

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A special note of appreciation to all of you who remembered me in your prayers during my surgery and recovery time.

Thanks for the lovely cards, your visits and delicious food which we enjoyed very much. (George was happy when he didn't have to cook).

God bless you all,
Virginia Bruckman

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Thank you to all who participated and contributed toward the Kitchen Shower. We have been blessed by a renewed interest in upgrading our facilities and some seed monies were collected toward that project. We have a drawer full of new towels, hot pads and wash clothes, as well as utensils. We will advise of future plans as they unfold.

Kris Ohneck

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A big thank you to the FCC angel that was there to help their friends across the ice in the parking lot on March 7th. It was greatly appreciated and welcome

Jessie Fern Woodward.

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A thank you to the person(s) who found the "lost ministers" pictures that used to hang between the sanctuary and the parlor.

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"I wish to thank my church family for their many prayers, cards and visits while I was at Lutheran Hospital. Your concerns for my recovery and expressions of love are cherished.

Sincerely,
Jean McGrew"

## EASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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## *THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY . . .*

will be sponsoring a *LOOK GOOD-FEEL BETTER* workshop on Saturday, March 20, 1999, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM at the Women's Cancer Center at Lutheran Hospital.

The workshop, let by trained cosmetologists, is designed to help cancer patients improve their appearance and self-image by teaching hands-on beauty techniques. Participants receive their own bag of beauty supplies to work with. The workshop covers topics such as make-up application, wig and turban styling, dry skin care and nail care.

The workshop is for women living with cancer or undergoing cancer treatments. Box lunches will be provided. There is no charge for the class.

Call your American Cancer Society at 471-3991 to register for the class.
This is a great way to *look good* and *feel better* about yourself !!

## *Erin's House needs your help !!*

Erin's' House for Grieving Children is seeking volunteers to serve as peer support group facilitators for children, teens and their families who have experienced the death of an important person in their lives.

Volunteers DO NOT need prior experience working with grieving children. We provide 30 hours of comprehensive training covering the tools and techniques used to facilitate the peer support groups. However, at Erin's House, the importance of consistency is reinforced in a child's life, therefore, we do require volunteers commit to one year of service, within established schedule, twice a month. Currently, there are more than 100 children and teens (65 families) participating in our peer support groups each month.

Following is the facilitator training schedule for April, 1999. For more information call
423-466.
Wednesday April 7; Friday April 9;
Wednesday April 14; Friday April 16;
Wednesday April 21; Friday April 22,
Wednesday, April 28.

All training is from 5:30 - 9:30 PM each night listed You should attend each training session.

## Mom's On A Mission

n's On A Mission (MOM) has started n!! You do not have to be a young ıer with small children - some of the cs apply to mothers of <u>any age</u> - even dmas whose children have children of own. Check out the list of topics and k the one you would like to attend.

ı seminar is $10.00 which includes all erials and refreshments, as well as the ram.

us out. You are sure to leave refreshed, enated and full of new ideas!.

dditional information and reservations, ıct Becca Widmer at 672-8720.

### TOPICS FOR MOM's ON A MISSION

<u>VING A LEGACY</u>
h 22 - 7 PM
ı Christian Church
h 24 - 10 AM Aldersgate
1 PM FCC

<u>T YOURSELF MOTHERING</u>
5 - 7 PM
ı Christian Church
14 - 10 AM Aldersgate
1 PM FCC

<u>LOST ART OF HOSPITALITY</u>
ı 29 - 7 PM
Christian Church
ı 31 - 10 AM Aldersgate
1 PM FCC

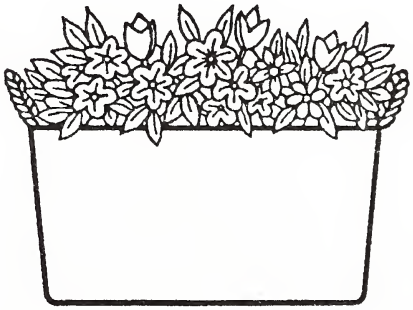
## EASTER FLOWERS

**It is time to order our Easter Flowers. They will be delivered in time for Easter Sunday Services.**

**We have three choices this year. Tulips, Daffodils, or Hyacinths. If you would like to order please call church office as soon as possible.**

**The cost per plant this year is $12.00 each.**

**Our order deadline is March 29th - so please place your order right away.**



## Serving on:

**Sunday, March 21**

**8:15 AM**
**ELDERS:**
**Ralph Church, Eunice Conrad**
**DIACONATE:**
**Joan Ott, Delores Keebortz, Marty Bier, Betty Grimm**

**10:45 AM**
**ELDERS:**
**Judy Mey, Bill Franklin**
**DIACONATE:**
**Eve Gorman, Kristian Scott, Linda Deck, Christi Deck, Linda Stover, Ray Stover, Lori Vandergriff**
**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION:**
**(March 28th)**

**Sunday, March 28**

**ELDERS:**
**Kathy Cron, Anne Moll**
**DIACONATE:**
**Julia Arnold, Carole Davis Roger Moll, Betty Grimm**

**ELDERS:**
**Donna Heimann, Jean McGrew**
**DIACONATE:**
**Carolyn Falbe, Wayne Whitworth, Laura Whitworth, Larry Brey, Sue Brey, Greg Baitz, Jenny Baitz, Katie Moll**

**Bill Franklin, Betty Grimm, Ralph Church, Marlene Crouse, Sam Hayes, Becca Widmer Delores Keebortz**

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**
**March 21st Marlene Crouse, Linda Deck, Christi Deck**
**March 28th & April 4th. Carole Davis, Eve Gorman**

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## At the Feeder Again. . .

I don't know why people get so excited about the Easter bunny. One's been chewing away at my ground feeder all winter. I hope he doesn't get too hopeful that I'm going to do something special for him just because it's Easter.

As it stands now, I'll have to replace the screens where Mr. Chubby Belly has done his gourmet dining all winter. Come to think of it, while I'm buying screen, I might just put screen up around my whole fence...Good riddance... and another thing...he can take that stupid squirrel friend with him! Those two thieves have had their way with my feeder all winter. Their bloated bellies really get my goat!

The other day I found them both sitting there like bar-stool mates ordering a second round. I just about popped a blood-vessel. I tore outside through the screened porch and into the back yard yelling like a maniac. The squirrel flew up the tree, and Mr. Chubby Belly hit the split between the fence at 90 mph. It wasn't pretty but he wiggled through quickly. I grabbed a nearby stick and shook it at the tree and the fence...and as I looked around, I discovered the neighbors were out cleaning up from winter.

I have strange neighbors. Come to think of it, every time I see them they have the funniest looks on their faces, and when I say hi, and move toward them they always remember they have something to do inside. People can really be strange.

Well it's Easter, and I'd better start getting a better mind-set about things. Sometimes I act more like Jesus is still in the tomb and sin is running away with things like that squirrel did with my finch feeder one year...no, I've got to move

beyond my sinful squirrel thoughts.....it's Easter for heavens sake. This is our time to shine as Christians! "The whole earth is full of God's glory," and I just better start learning to apply that truth to my life....and even to chubby little rabbits.

So, if you need me, I'll be working on the Cantata and acting more Christ-like around my neighbors... after all, it's Easter and I've heard the good news once more!

Feeding on the love of Christ,

Neil

*"And on the third day, he arose."*

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## *WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW. . .*

## PRAYER VIGIL

Begins Friday night at 6PM ends Easter Sunday morning at 6 AM There are still some vigil times open. If you would like to take part in this very special time, please call the church office.

Continued

Times that are still available:
Saturday, April 3rd.

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|---|---|
| 1:00 AM | 7:30 PM |
| 1:30 AM | 8:00 PM |
| 4:00 AM | 8:30 PM |
| 4:30 AM | 9:00 PM |
| | 9:30 PM |

Sunday, April 4th

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| 12:00 Midnight | |
| 12:30 AM | 2:30 AM |
| 1:00 AM | 3:00 AM |
| 1:30 AM | 3:30 AM |
| 2:00 AM | |

## !! EASTER SUNRISE !!
## !! HE LIVES !!

**Cantata Practice**
**Saturday April 3**

The Cantata will be heard at both regu services on Easter Sunday.

A third performance will be on April 18th at 6:30 PM at The Town Hou (2209 St. Joe Center Road) and will open to the public. Everyone is invit So bring a friend and hear this wonder music again.

# OPPORTUNITIES . . .

**Summer Staff Needed at Barbee**

**Cook and Assistant Cook needed for June 6 - 26 and/or July 25 - August 14. Must be 21 years of age or older and experienced in cooking for large groups.**
**Lifeguard needed for full summer: June 6 - August 14. Must be 18 years or older and certified in lifesaving and CPR.**
**Nurse or First Aider: Must be 21 years or older: community Health and Safety Cup certified or certified RN or C.N.A.**
**Please contact:**
**Sharon Gillen**
**219/834-4190**
**Barbee Christian**

World Convention of the Churches of Christ - Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, August 2-6, 2000
Check out their Home Page: http://users.aol.com/worldconv/ or write them at 1101 19th Ave. South. Nashville, TN 37212-2196.

## The First 10 Young Adults:

I.D.O.C. *Young Adult Mission Trip*
May 12-15, 1999
Traveling to St. Louis to work at the National Benevolent Association's Echo Emergency Children's Home.
Cost $20
To sign up or more information contact
Muffy Holloway
317-387-9306
mhollowa@butler.edu
or Omar Habayeb
317-3995
OmarHabaye@aol.com

**ICYF(International CYF Conference at Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, Texas July 7-11**

Fee $240 covers meals, program & lodging in Ft. Worth. (The region is chartering a bus: estimate $90 - meals not included).

For more information contact Randy Kuss, Associate for Youth Ministries,

# What's Happening Now . . .

April 1st
MAUNDY THURSDAY
SERVICE
A memorable communion service, at 7:00 PM, of lights and shadow and scripture reading (Tenebrea) to remember our Lord.

APRIL 2ND - GOOD FRIDAY
SERVICES - 12:30 - 1:30 PM
AT CALVARY THIRD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(Anthony & Capitol)

APRIL 3rd
BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY
PLEASE CONTRIBUTE WRAPPED CANDY NOW FOR THE "EASTER EGG HUNT"
.(Candy maybe dropped off at church office)

## EASTER ANGELS

The Outreach and Service Ministry Team will provide Easter Baskets for our Angel Tree families.

Donations of canned goods, candy, children's books, adult devotionals, Easter baskets, plastic eggs and new stuffed animals are needed.

If you would like to help with this project. please call Teresa Hatten at 447 - 2649 or bring your donation labeled "Angel Tree" to the church office.

April 4th.
EASTER SUNDAY
*SUNRISE SERVICES AT FCC*
WITH GRACE ST. JOHNS 6:30 AM
FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST
AT 7:15 AM.
*REGULAR SERVICES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL AT USUAL TIMES.*
***PRESENTATION OF CANTATA AT BOTH SERVICES***

# *BARBEE CHRISTIAN CAMP*

**NEW BEGINNINGS** **June 21 - 23**
**(Compl. Grade 2,3)** **June 24 - 26**

**YOUNG DISCIPLES** **June 7 - 12**
**(Compl. Grade 4,5)** **July 12 - 17**
**Aug 2 - 7**

**Chi Rho Camp** **June 14 - 19**
**(Compl. Grade 6,7,8)** **July 19 - 24**
**Music, Art, Drama** **Aug 11 - 14**

**Building Bridges** **July 5 - 10**
**(Ages 12 - 14: an inter-racial camp)**

**C.Y.F. Conference** **June 28 - July 3**
**(Compl. Grade 9 - 12)** **July 26 - 31**

**Family Camp** **Sept 3 - 6**
**(All Ages)**

**Registration forms are available through church office (744-3239)**

## *SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES*

**EW MEXICO:** **(Compl. Grade 9 - 12)** **"Dzilth" Navajo Res.** **June 13-26**
**(Compl. Grade 9-12** **"Mt. "Taylor Navajo Res.** **July 11-24**

**RAIL CAMP:** **(Ages 15 - 21)** **Great Smoky Mountains June 14-20**

**OUNG ADULT RETREAT:** **Aug 6 - 8**
**C.Y.F. ASSEMBLY: (C.Y.F. Youth Leaders)** **TCU at Ft Worth** **July 7-11**

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# HELP !

## D.M.A.

*NEW PROJECT*. . .

**Our very own D.M.A. is putting together recipes for a new "FCC Cookbook."**

**Guys and Gals, Boys and Girls, Young and Older, please bring your favorite recipe or recipes to Elinor Place or drop them off at the church office.**

**Kitchen tips, safety tips, funny happenings in the kitchen, recipe goofs from the past (yours or some one elses), recipes that you have made, etc, etc etc.**

**Proceeds from the cookbook will go towards a D.M.A. project to be named at a future date.**

**If you have any questions, please give Elinor Place a call at 747-6893 or call church office.**

***UPDATE*** **- ABOUT 25 RECIPES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. NOT NEARLY ENOUGH.**

***PLEASE DON'T FORGET MICROWAVE RECIPES AND RECIPES FOR ONE OR TWO PERSONS!!***

## D.M.A.

**D.M.A. says - Let's share our *"Change for Change"***

**~Collect your pocket change**
**~Bring it on the 1st Sunday of each month**
**~Dump it in the big glass jar and watch it grow.**

**It's growing - Don't forget Easter is also the first Sunday of April.**

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## Everyone

**The 1999 Mail Carrier's Food Collection for the Associated Churches Food Bank System is set for Saturday, May 8, 1999.**

**I am the South Side Coordinator and need at least 20 volunteers to help sort and pack the food.**

**If you can help - even for an hour or two - on SATURDAY MAY 8, 1999 - please call me at 447 - 2649.**

**Charlie Hatten**

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# Looking towards the future

MONDAY, APRIL 12TH - VBS PLANNING MEETING

A Treasure Hunt is coming to FCC beginning Sunday evening June 27th in the form of Vacation Bible School. This promises to be an exciting event for everyone. To find out what the treasure is all about plan to attend the introductory meeting to be held April 12th at 7 PM in the Board Room.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16TH - "Souper Supper" All kinds of soup, but featuring 'HAM & BEANS".

April 16 & 17 - West Creighton Avenue Church - Rummage Sale
Friday - 9 AM - 4 PM
Saturday - 9 AM - Noon
*Bag Day Sale is on Saturday !*

*April 18th - Third performance of Cantata. Will be at The Towne House - 6:30 PM*

*APRIL 24TH - Bus trip to hear Ginny Johnson at Honeywell Center in Wabash. Bus leaves at 4:30 PM.*

*Please pay for trip now.*

## *CLOSET CLEANING ???*

***Before the snow melts and the grass needs cutting, rummage through your closets for contributions for the***

**WORLD's BIGGEST RUMMAGE SALE**
**May 15th**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 1999 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be held in Cincinnati in October from the 8th thru the 12th. Adult registration is $75.00 - youth $37.50 or Seminarian $37.50.

# EASTER FLOWERS

Our beautiful Easter Flowers are given by:

Ralph and Judy Church
in memory of son
Nick Keirn

Rena Pilz
in honor of
Choir Director
Janice Wagner

Jessie Fern Woodward
in memory of
Husband Grant

Jessie Fern Woodward
in memory of
Daughter Linda

Jessie Fern Woodward
in memory of
friend Jeannie Feltenberg

Jessie Fern Woodward
in memory of
Bill and Marie Caldwell

Charlie and Teresa Hatten
Thanking God for the gift
of music given to their
Granddaughter Monica

Marlo and Josie Quick
in memory of
Phillip Quick

Marlo and Josie Quick
in memory of Lois Hunt,
Mary Vanderwall

The Falbe Family
in memory of parents
Lillian & Arthur Busse and
Brother Mel Busse

Linda Deck
in memory of
Brother Doug Blaunett

Ray and Linda Stover
in memory of Linda's
Grandparents
Cordova and Florence Juday

Ray and Linda Stover
in memory of Ray's
Parents
Leonard & Thelma Stover

Evelyn Yeoman
in memory of
Husband Troy

Neil and Nora Allen
in memory of
Joseph Allen and
Virginia Gerst
and in honor of
Daughter Kalah

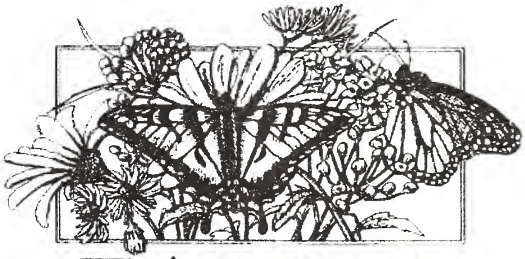
Tom and Laura York and Family
in memory of Opal Carper

Lea Jackson and family
in memory of Ennis, Gini and
Larry Brown

Jean McGrew
in honor of her children

## And From

Kenneth and Elinor Place
Bob and Marty Bier
Mark Snyder
Mary Wilhelm
George and Virginia Bruckman
Wilbur and Doris Snook



# EASTER

# SpringVIEW 99

For all Indiana Disciples Women

COST: $7.00 (Includes lunch, program material, etc) Childcare provided at each location...Just bring a sack lunch for your child/children.

*BRING A CAR OR VAN FULL...MAKE THIS A WONDERFUL DAY OUT !!!*

DATES / LOCATIONS

| | |
|---|---|
| Sat -March 27th | FCC - LaPorte |
| Sat-April 10th | West Street Christian Church - Tipton |
| Sat-April 17th | Allisonville Christian Church - Indianapolis |
| Sat-May 1 | FCC - Jeffersonville |
| Sat-May 15 | Federated Church - West Lafayette |

AT EACH LOCATION: A choice of two mini seminars (one morning/one afternoon) on a variety of topics of interest. One choice at each place will be the upcoming study materials "Spiritual Inheritance: Claim it! Live it!... Something for everyone! Excellent books for sale from Christian Board of Publication, Guatemalan crafts...don't miss this chance for worship, sharing, learning, fellowship, new ideas!

Registration forms are available thru church office.

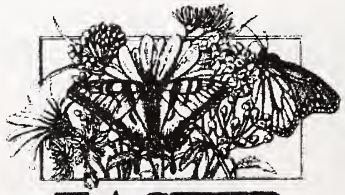
## VACATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Has our most recent snow storm driv you to thinking about your summ vacation? Sunday School teachers First Christian Church have a summ vacation beginning the first Sunday June through the last Sunday in Augu Which means that Summer Sund School at FCC needs different leadersh for those three months.**

**If you would be willing to help give the deserving teachers a much needed re please contact the church office (744-3239) or Judy Church 447 - 569**

## OUR FOOD BANK NEEDS YOUR HELP.

**Volunteers are needed to help in the Food Bank. We have not been able t serve the needs of the people fully. If you would be interested in helping a few hours a month, please contact Bill Franklin at 456-8918.**



EASTER

## PORTUNITIES FOR SERVING. . .

***Loaves and Fishes Collection"***

***Associated Churches Food Bank***
***m has a goal to collect 3,000 pounds of***
***ed fish by Easter Sunday,***
***4, 1999.***

***IP COUNSELORS ARE NEEDED***

ASE ADVISE CHURCH OFFICE
OU ARE INTERESTED IN
NG A COUNSELOR THIS YEAR.
YOUNG PEOPLE NEED YOU!

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***Retirement celebration***
***for***
***Art Vermillion***
***Sunday, April 25, 1999***
***3:30 - 6:00 PM***
***Speedway Christian Church***
***5110 West 14th Street***
***Indianapolis, IN***

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***PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS and LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS.***

**LOU SIMMONS - Diane Mory's Mother at Riverbend**

**BETTY LANNING - sister of Phyllis (Sue) Brickley Cancer treatments**

**JUDY MEY - At Home**

**WILBUR SNOOK - At Home**

**GLADYS HARSHBARGER - At Home**

**RUTH TRUESDELL - At Home**

**ANDY EVANS - At Home**

**JEAN McGREW - At Home**

**VINCE WELLS - At Home**

**BARB RUMPEL - Awaiting transplant**

## THANK YOU

A very special and heartfelt thank you goes to the following people:

Jessie Fern Woodward
Elinor Place
Evelyn Yeoman
Bernice Schnobel
Sue Brickley
Eunice Conrad
Judy Church
George Bruckman
Pastor Allen

Each one helped in numerous ways in getting the new Church Telephone Directory ready to go to press.

This was a very demanding project for each one of us and it could not have been done without each and every one of you.

If I have failed to mention anyone please accept my apology and we will just blame it on a very bad memory.

And to each and everyone one of you that were so patient with the calls to verify information we all thank you. You were wonderful!!!!!

Thank you again to everyone.

Pat.

P.S. If you are interested in having a copy of our new "Sunshine Yellow" Church Directory, please call the church office.

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A sincere thank you for all of the cards and calls expressing sympathy at the time of my mother-in-law, Marie Wilhelm, death. Each was greatly appreciated.

Mary Wilhelm

## *THE ASSOCIATED CHURCHE*

***More*** on the Letter Carriers Food Drive.

The Associated Churches will b needing approximately 200 youn people and adults on Saturday, May 8 to sort and pack food that is collecte by the carriers.

Your help is needed between 1 PM and 5PM on May 8th. Please contact Ellen Graham at 422- 3528 for your assignment.

*This is a wonderful opportunity t help and to get to know young people and adults from our community!!!*

## CASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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& Valetta Parlette - Room 410

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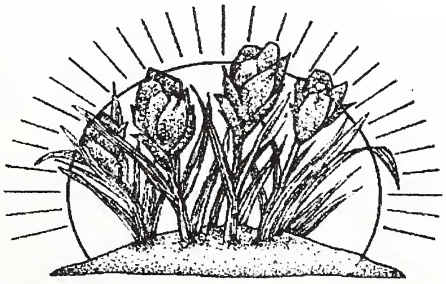

# Mom's On A Mission

Mom's On A Mission (MOM) has started again!! You do not have to be a young mother wit small children - some of the topics apply to mothers of any age - even grandmas whose childre have children of their own. Check out the list of topics and mark the one you would like to atten

Each seminar is $10.00 which includes all materials and refreshments, as well as the program.

Try us out. You are sure to leave refreshed, rejuvenated and full of new ideas!.

For additional information and reservations, contact Becca Widmer at 672-8720.

## TOPICS FOR MOM's ON A MISSION

DO-IT-YOURSELF MOTHERING
April 5 - 7 PM
North Christian Church
April 7 - 10 AM Aldersgate
1 PM FCC

LAUGHTER IN THE HOME
April 12 - 7 PM
North Christian Church
April 14 - 10 AM Aldersgate
1 PM FCC

TRADITIONS
April 19 - 7 PM
North Christian Church
April 21 - 10 AM Aldersgate
1 PM FCC

SUMMERTIME AT CAMP MOM
April 26 - 7 PM
North Christian Church
April 28 - 10 AM Aldersgate
1 PM FCC

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**ASSISTANCE - ASSISTANCE - ASSISTANCE**

I AM LOOKING FOR A FULL TIME BABY SITTER FOR THIS SUMMER FOR MY NIN YEAR OLD SON. YOUR HOUSE OR OURS - SOUTH WEST AREA NEAR HOMESTEAD HIGH SCHOOL IS WHERE WE LIVE.

PLEASE CALL 436 - 6341 IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE OR IF YOU YOUR SELF ARE INTERESTED IN A JOB FOR THE SUMMER.

*A story from your* *GLOBAL MINISTRIES*

Tim and Diane Weible are engaged in rural evangelism in Japan, working with three small churches. They have written about the introduction of a new hymnal by the United Church of Christ in Japan, the name of which, "Sambika 21," means Hymnal for the 21st Century. At first they found some churches reluctant to use the new hymnal.

Tim and Diane were excited about the hymnal because of the new hymns (including some by composers like Brian Wren) and because of the wording. :When we first arrived in Japan six years ago, we were able to sing the old hymns without any trouble but we never understood the meaning of the words. We thought it was our lack of Japanese but we learned that the Japanese was very old and most young Japanese people did not understand the wording either...Sambika 21 uses wording that even we can understand. There are more contemporary hymns mixed in with some of the old favorites."

They learned that the old hymnal not only used "old Japanese" but Japanese usually used in reference to the Emperor. For Christians who struggle to live with, but stand opposed to, the emperor system, this kind of language is very problematic. Despite knowing this, some church members continued to be opposed to the new hymnal. "The complaints were that the wording was no longer the familiar wording that they had learned as a child, or that they did not know the new hymns at all. Suddenly, this sounded very familiar to me and I realized that wherever you go, it is hard for people to accept change and give up what has become familiar and comfortable." Little by little Tim. and Diane were able to help these same members open their hearts enough to realize that the wording that brings them comfort is not understood by the younger generation and may even keep them from worshiping God. Most of the churches they visit have made the change.

# SERVING ON:

## EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 4TH

ELDERS:

6:30 AM SUNRISE SERVICE
Eunice Conrad, Judy Church

8:15 AM WORSHIP
Eunice Conrad, Ralph Church

10:45 AM WORSHIP
Charlie Hatten, Judy Church

DIACONATE:

6:30 AM SUNRISE SERVICE

8:15 AM WORSHIP
Joan Ott, Delores Keebortz
Marty Bier, Betty Grim

10:45 AM WORSHIP
Eve Gorman, Kristian Scott,
John Bohlen, Linda Deck,
Christi Deck, Joan Franklin,
Ray Stover, Linda Stover

## SUNDAY - APRIL 11TH

ELDERS:

8:15 AM WORSHIP
Anne Moll, Sam Hayes

10:45 AM WORSHIP
Charles McGrew, Becca Widmer

DIACONATE:

8:15 AM WORSHIP
Julia Arnold, Carole Davis,
Roger Moll, Marlene Crouse

10:45 AM WORSHIP
Carolyn Falbe, Holly Mathis,
Christi Deck, Larry Brey, Sue Brey,
Greg Baitz, Jenny Baitz, Joan Franklin

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION
Eunice Conrad, Holly Mathis, Dick Mey,
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Donna Heimann, Charlie Hatten

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## At the Feeder Again. . .

A few years ago I witnessed a war of the birds in our back yard. Blue Jays were attacking each other, and were actually killing innocent hatchlings. I'll never remove from my memory the sight of a baby being carried off by one of the death squads. Call it what you want, ethnic cleansing, war, violence, but it's still plain and simple murder. I felt sick. The innocent were victims of something I'll probably never understand.

I suppose I could have chased the vandals away. Perhaps I might have broken my nearly forty-year hatred of guns and cleaned out the perpetrator myself. But violence enacted to combat violence seemed inappropriate.

It is difficult for me to watch the news these days. The sight of hundreds of thousands of people streaming over the borders of Kosovo, the sordid pictures of dead men lying in ditches, children hiding behind their mother's skirts, makes me sick enough to wish for more planes, ground forces....etc.

What can we do? What can we do? I pace the floor with George.
"Candles...." I say, "let's light some for the troops and pray for peace."

George says, "Let's have a blanket Sunday too. Those people could really use it."

"That's got to be it." I respond. "Nora told me the same thing, and she's never wrong about these things."

So, blanket Sunday will be held on April 18th. The blankets cost around $5 each, but you can put in any amount. All proceeds will go to Church World Services (call 1-800-297-1516 ext 111 for a weekly update, or visit their web

page at Churchworldservice.org). Help us make an impact. A blanket can do so much. 25,000 blankets, thousands of tents and other supplies have already been made available through CWS.

Even though it's been a few years since that awful day of the Blue Jay Wars at the Flora Parsonage, I still carry the hopelessness in my gut that I felt for that baby. Now I can only dare to imagine what the victims from Kosovo must be feeling and how they will hurt deep inside for many years to come. I can only pray that they can find within themselves the restraint necessary to end this villainy before it become cyclical. I'll also pray they find the courage to rebuild their lives, what ever the future may hold. And yes, I pray for those who stand between these groups trying to bring peace.

So, I'll light my candles and I'll pray, but I'll use my resources to purchase a few blankets too.

As always, I'm at the feeder again.
Feeding on the Love of God,

Neil

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." (Matthew 5:4)*

Remember this Sunday, April 18th, is Blanket Sunday. Help!

## Thanksgivings for Easter

Many, many thanks to Janice Wagner for her tireless efforts to produce that wonderful cantata. Janice, you have our undying gratitude.....and let's do it again and again!

Also, many more thanks to Phyllis Lahr, the choir, the soloists, Bill Franklin (the narrator), and the worship ministry team for their countless hours of devotion. And, yes, thank you, thank you, thank you to all those who donated flowers to adorn the house of God. Your memorials were lovely.

When the counters came back from the bank and reported the offering had topped the $8,000 mark, it was a very deep thankful prayer I offered to God. Many thanks to everyone that made significant contributions to and through this ministry.

Holy week was also very special. Those who prayed long into the night should be thanked and appreciated. The elders deserve special recognition for the Maundy Thursday service. The choir pulled double and triple duty, singing at the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. It was much appreciated.

I told John Bohlen privately and now I wish to make it public, that Palm Sunday special music by the Paramount Brass helped push us over the top.

There were many others that gave their time and talents to Holy week. Almost silently (I said, "almost") the youth worked all night to prepare for Breakfast with the Bunny. Rick Evans and the youth department hold a very special place in my heart. Many thanks also to Linda Deck for putting the whole "Bunny Thing" as I call it, together. And, let's not forget the people who worked in the kitchen. Charlie Hatten also pulled double duty, cooking pancakes on Saturday and then putting a very well thought out breakfast together with Dick Mey. Way to go gentlemen!

Well, the staff looks a bit tired, but I've already got them working on the upcoming events. Pentecost, Graduation Sunday, VBS, Camp, election of church officers,....etc...etc...it never stops.

And we'll continue to grow because Easter is all about making it abundantly clear that we worship a God that is able. Sin couldn't stop God. Apathy couldn't stop God. Death couldn't stop God. Easter is a proclamation of all we believe in. Thank GOD for Easter.

Peace,
Neil

## *What's Happening Now . .*

April 16th Friday - 5:30 PM - "Souper Supper" fund raiser. All kinds of soup, but starring "Ham and Beans". Also desserts and breads. Adults $3.00, Children $2.00. Tickets are available from Elders and Deacons or available at the door.

April 16 & 17 - West Creighton Avenue Church - Rummage Sale
Friday - 9 am - 4 PM
Saturday - 9 am - Noon
*Bag Day Sale is on Saturday !*

April 18th Sunday - 6:30 PM
A third performance of the Easter Cantata will be at The Towne House, (2209 St. Joe Center Road) and will be open to the public. Everyone is invited. So bring a friend and enjoy this wonderful music again.

April 20th - Tuesday - 9:30 am - Rachel Group meets in library for a brief lesson and assembling more Health Kits.

April 21th - 6:00--7:30 PM - Third Wednesday Worship Service with carry-in dinner.

April 24th Saturday - 4:30 PM
Bus leaves from FCC parking lot for Ginny Johnson concert in Wabash.

April 25th Sunday - 3:30–6:00pm
Retirement Party for Art Vermillion.
A special program will be at 4:30 PM to honor Art. Speedway Christian Church - 5110 West 14th Street, Indianapolis

World Convention of the Churches of Christ - Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, August 2-6, 2000
Check out their Home Page: http://users.aol.com/worldconv/ or write them at 1101 19th Ave. South. Nashville, TN 37212-2196.

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Christian Education Meeting

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May 19th - Wednesday - 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Third Wednesday worship service after carry in dinner.

May 23rd - Sunday - FCC all church birthday party.

October 8-12 1999 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be held in Cincinnati in October from the 8th thru the 12th. Adult registration is $75.00 - youth $37.50 or Seminarian $37.50.

## REQUESTS AND REPORTS FROM THE MINISTRY TEAMS

### *Christian Education*

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## REPORTS FROM ORGANIZATIONS

DMA–Please everyone help! Bring your favorite recipes to Elinor Place or church office. Also kitchen tips, safety tips, funny happenings in the kitchen, recipe goofs, etc. are welcomed. And don't forget microwave recipes and recipes for one or two. UPDATE: only 50 recipes have been received so far. Not nearly enough for our book. Don't

forget to sign your name to them. This should really be a fun project. Proceeds will go toward something important yet to be named.

Also don't forget the DMA fund-raiser, "Change for Change." The jug is almost 1/4 full. The next Sunday to empty your pockets, etc of change is May 2nd.

RACHEL CWF GROUP–Ladies of the church, please join us in the library at 9:30 am on the third Tuesday of each month. We have a brief lesson and then work on our projects. This Tuesday in April we will be assembling more health kits.

The youth group had a lock-in on Good Friday. We spent a lot of time filling eggs for the Breakfast with the Bunny. Then at midnight we went bowling!! It was a blast. Neil came, too, and I think he beat us all. At 2:00 am we finally got back to church. Most everyone crashed, but a few of us dared to stay awake the whole night.

In the morning, we hid the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. I heard that Tammy Deck and Rachel Green had a shot-put contest with the big eggs. For entertainment at the breakfast Emily Evans did a puppet show. Also Linda and Tammy Deck, Brandon Proegler, Katie Moll and Rachel Green dressed up like clowns and performed a skit for the kids.

That pretty much sums up the lock-in. If you want to join the fun, we meet most Sunday's from 5-7 PM at the church.

## *Great opportunities for fun and Service*

***BARBEE CHRISTIAN CAMP***

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|---|---|
| NEW BEGINNINGS | June 21 - 23 |
| (Compl. Grade 2,3) | June 24 - 26 |
| YOUNG DISCIPLES | June 7 - 12 |
| (Compl. Grade 4,5) | July 12 - 17 |
| | Aug 2 - 7 |
| Chi Rho Camp | June 14 - 19 |
| (Compl. Grade 6,7,8) | July 19 - 24 |
| Music, Art, Drama | Aug 11 - 14 |
| Building Bridges | July 5 - 10 |
| (Ages 12 - 14: an inter-racial camp) | |
| C.Y.F. Conference | June 28 - July 3 |
| (Compl. Grade 9 - 12) | July 26 - 31 |
| Family Camp | Sept 3 - 6 |
| (All Ages) | |

Registration forms are available through church office (744-3239)

## Church World Service Emergency Response

CWS Response to the Kosova Crisis: In updating and revising the first CWS/ACT Appeal (Ref. March 26, 1999), Church World Service is seeking denominational and public support for additional assistance being provided through CWS partners within the Action by Churches (ACT) International network.

CWS is now providing $800,000 for tents, blankets and mattresses to Diaconie Agape in Albania, specifically 1,000 tents, 25,000 blankets and 10,000 mattresses that will be purchased in the region. Diaconie Agape is the social and development office of the Orthodox Autocephalous Church of Albania, and has been working within Albania to assist Kosova refugees with material assistance.

This $800,000 is in addition to the $100,000 for blankets and bedding already channeled through International Orthodox Christian charities (IOCC), the official overseas humanitarian assistance agency of Orthodox Christians in the United States and Canada. IOCC has delivered basic supplies to refugees since 1993. Last week, growing security concerns forced IOCC to withdraw most of its staff to outlying areas surrounding the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, but the staff is till working in assisting refugees in affected areas.

APPEAL GOAL: The goal of the CWS response and the wider ACT appeal is to provide short term humanitarian assistance and relief–including food, hygienic materials, sanitation, drinking water, shelter, clothing and medicines–for vulnerable refugees, displaced persons and others affected by the military conflict and violence in Kosova, Montenegro, Serbia and other areas of the former Yugoslavia.

The $1.2 million appeal target is for the $900,000 designated for purchases of tents, blankets, mattresses and bedding and $300,000 to support other efforts as outlined in the ACT appeal.

For further information about disasters to which Church World Service is responding, contact CWS Emergency Response -
(212) 870-3151.
After hours emergency pager:
(800) 780-0853.

# SERVING ON:

## Sunday, April 18

**ELDERS:**

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|---|---|
| 8:15 am | Kris Ohneck, Kathy Cron |
| 10:45 am | Dick Mey, Marlo Quick |

**DIACONATE:**

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| 8:15 am | Joan Ott, Delores Keebortz, Marty Bier, Marlene Crouse |
| 10:45 am | Eve Gorman, Kristin Scott, John Bohlen, Lori Vandergriff, Ray Stover, Linda Stover, Wayne Whitworth, Laura Whitworth |

## Sunday, April 25

**ELDERS:**

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|---|---|
| 8:15 am | Sam Hayes, Kris Ohneck |
| 10:45 am | Judy Mey, Bill Franklin |

**DIACONATE:**

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| 8:15 am | Julia Arnold, Carole Davis Roger Moll, Marlene Crouse |
| 10:45 am | Holly Mathis, Katie Moll, Larry Brey, Sue Brey, Greg Baitz, Jenny Baitz |

**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION:**

Judy, Church, Sue Brey, Becca Widmer, Linda Deck, Larry Brey, Kathy Cron, Joan Franklin, Anne Moll

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# Tidings

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In memory of Vincent D. Wells

## At the feeder again . . .

I called Rosie (my former neighbor) as soon as I realized what I was looking at. As I held the portable in hand I smiled and watched out the living room window. I was nearly busting with the news, and thought of some smart comment for her. Rosie always bragged about her feeders to me, and I *always* bragged right back. Those were the rules to our weird little game. We had one of those fun kind of wars where the winner is the person with the most unique birds at their feeders. Rosie always had Orioles and ALWAYS rubbed it in ***hard.*** She knew I'd trade a Red Winged Blackbird for an Oriole any day.

My standard comeback was some pitiful quibble about how I went for quantity. I'd say, "Well.....Oh, yeah.....well,.....ah.....I've got 12 finches at my feeder right now. Top that." She's just come back with some quip about how beautiful the Orioles were in the sunlight, or if she would get to see the babies this year.

She knew it got under my skin (a little anyway.).....all in good fun.

We spent more than one lunch hour talking about our feeders, and jabbing a little fun at each other.

But that particular day I knew I had her.....I laughed an evil sounding laugh into the phone when she picked it up. "Huh, I've got you today" I said.

"What now?" she snapped back.

"Well, Miss Smarty Pants, I'm looking at a bright yellow bird with a long thin tail," I shot back in a sort of "so there" kind of way.

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At the feeder again continued

"What?????" She said with that distrust I heard so often in her voice.

"That's right. It's yellow and has a long thin tail and a beak that is flat to its face only cupped at the end over the lower portion, It's about the size of a sparrow." I awaited her response. She was thinking hard about what kind of bird could be at my feeder that fit that description in January!

"You're kidding me?!?!" she said after a long pause.

"No, I'm not kidding.....I'm looking at a parakeet.....Got anything to top that today?"

Well, let me spare you the details. She didn't have anything like that..... and neither would I in about eight hours when the temperature was slated to drop below freezing.
The poor thing had chosen the wrong day to make its escape.

Oh, I made sure it had plenty of food, but I could see its future fairly clearly. Rosie and I talked about what we might try to do for the silly bird.

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Of course there are millions of theologic thoughts that this incident spawned. Wh is the meaning of a caged life? what wo we be willing to sacrifice for freedom? Does there come a time when a person needs to risk everything? who can you t to when you've lost all direction of hom How can an individual not realize all lif a precious gift that would never be take for granted? What will it take for some us to wake up to the fact that we are dep dant? How do you and I help someone does/t trust us or want our help?

Didn't Jesus say "I am the way, the trut and the life?"

Just some cold day thoughts before spri finally settles in for good. Hope you're warm and safe and at the feeder.

Feeding on the love of Christ,

Neil

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May 4, 5 & 6 - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - Pastor Allen out of office.

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June 6th - Sunday - 160th Anniversary of Disciples' in Indiana.

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## REPORTS ON SPECIAL GIVING

*Easter Offering*

Our responses to others needs is on the rise. Last year we were able to send to Church Finance Council $746 as our Easter offering. This year we are sending $1,052. This is about 41% over last year! Thank you to all that participated.

George Bruckman

*"Blanket Sunday"*

Thank you to all the participated in our "Blanket Sunday" offering. Your donations will be in excess of $700 that we will send to Church World Services. The money will be used to buy blankets for those in need such as the people in Kosovo and also to send "Tools of Hope" as requested. Again,many thanks.

NOTE: Gifts can be given to church World service at any time through our church. No specific day is required.

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## ANK YOU

eat big thank you is due for the fol-
ng "angels" from First Christian
rch who helped me load up my U-
truck on Saturday, April 17.

Dick Mey Ray Stover
Bob and Marty Bier
John Bohlen Mike Mullen
Charlie Hatten

truck and all the belongings, as
as the driver, arrived safely in
nesota. Thanks to all.

Deb Schuricht

Church Family,

cards, the calls and the prayers are
ecial during this difficult time. Our
felt thank you for your love and
erns.

Bless All,

Sue, Judy & Jim Brickley
and Betty Lanning

Church Friends

k you for cards, calls and prayers.
has some recovery time, but will be
e and progressing towards healing
veral weeks. With your help
ill be back on the road soon.

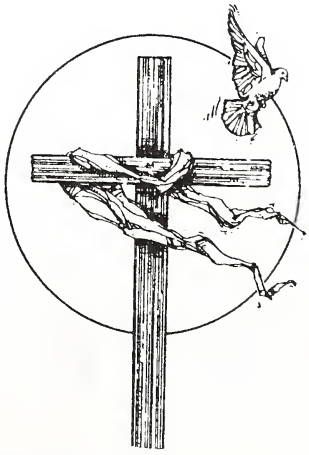
Kris Ohneck

Thank you to all who offered prayers, cards, food ,visits and support during the time of the loss of my father. Your kindness was appreciated very much and was especially noticed by others in the family who do not have the benefit of a loving church family such as I have. You exemplified Matthew 5:16 that says: "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heavern." My family saw your light and I believe they felt God's love through your good works.

Charlie Hatten

Thank you to everyone who cooked soup, made corn bread, brought one of those delicious desserts, or just came out Friday night and had a great time. We all enjoyed being with each other and the soups were great! It was good to share with each other the meaning of having a church home.

Eve Gorman



*The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.*
*–Numbers 6:26*

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

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Page 3
Add: Lutheran Rehabilition Area,
7970 W. Jefferson - 219/436-2644

Page 5
Change Spelling on Scot & Lauri Barry to Berry and change address to 6519 Sedgemore Place - 46835

Page 8
Change address for Jim & Karen Bushey - 12323 Virginia Hills Court, FW 46845 - New telephone # 486-3770.

Page 11
Name Change from Mindy Deck to Mindy Corns
New address - 7728 Mill Run Road - FW 46819

Page 12
Add e-mail adress for Rick and Robin Evans:
RANDR98@aol.com

Page 14
Please use Fairfield Glade TN address for Dwain and Kathy Graham. Add new telephone # 931/707-7233

Page 17
Please use Fairfax Address and telephone # for Phyllis Hipp. She is back from Florida.

Page 20
Change of address for Tim Knuckles:
12345 Old Pomerado Road, Apt. 26, Poway CA 92064

Page 28
New address and telephone for Don Parlette
2910 Fawkes Way North, Bloomington 47404 - 812/876-8497

Page 31
New address for Pastor Bill Riggs.
22394 Pine Arbor Drive - 1A, Elkhart, IN 45616

Page 33
Correction on Lou Simmons Zip code - should be 46819

### OOPS — A CORRECTION

Generation to Generation fliers were prematurely placed in the last Tidings. Hang on to them until further notice — PLEASE !

**"LET THE CHILDREN GO UNTO JESUS."**

*Challenge Giving*

*(Souper Supper)*

At the beginning of our fiscal year, we were challenged by our Finance Ministry Team to increase our giving by $15,000 above what has been pledged for the year. Each ministry team was asked to plan projects that would provide the extra income to meet budget needs. (And also individuals were asked to take a challenge.) Our Deacons and Elders chose their project as the "Souper Supper," netting $408 toward our total goal. Note that the next challenge project will be the Rummage Sale on May 15.

## GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Celebrate Mother's Day - May 9th - by making a personal contribution to "A Baby's Closet" in honor of your mother.

What does "A Baby's closet" do? the health and nutrution of children is improved as their parents obtain early and ongoing prenatal care, take them to receive childhood immunizations and well-child physical examinations, and participate in nutrition classes. Their parents' coping skills and self-esteem are enhanced as they participate in parenting classes and support groups, and strive toward self-sufficiency by attending literacy and G.E.D. classes, or by completing their high school or post-secondary education.

Eligible parents earn coupons for achieving goals that have been mutually agreed upon by the parents and a participating agency, and by attending classes and clinic appointments. They can redeem these coupons at "A Baby's Closet" for clothing, furniture, equipment, and supplies for their children. And this started because someone in our own church had a dream and saw that it happened! What is God saying to you? Are you listening?

## ANOTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITY

The "Vision Builders" have plans for a construction project at New Fellowship Christian Church in Columbus, Ohio. Each group wanting to reserve a week for helping to build must send in a registration and a $100 deposit to Chuck Babcock, Vision Builders! More information available by contacting Vision Builders! office 1/800/274-1883 Ext. 532 or 538 (E Mail) vb@bce.disciples.org.

Dates volunteers are needed is June 1 through September 1.

## KERNELS FROM THE FEEDER

Well, Sunday worship is always special! And everybody goes into the next week remembering something quite different from what anybody else got. I suppose the Holy Spirit's speaking to each worshiper in a unique way is more to blame for the differences than Neil is.

On "Blanket Sunday" that red blanket at the altar was a focus of attention. It seemed to have healing in it. A deacon reported that when she was standing close to it she wanted to touch it because for a moment it was like Jesus' garment in the story of the woman who touched him to be healed.

Yesterday when the sermon was from Acts 2 what someone remembered was the clown coming down the isle at the end of the second service unable to speak, wordlessly gesturing, because what could one possible say about the tragedy at Columbine H.S., a horror which we are all thinking about.

## HONORS FOR OUR OWN

Congratulations to Jim Brickley and Diane Mory of Carroll Middle School, recipients of honors given by the local education fund for their challenging and motivating projects for students!

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

A list of resources is available in the church office for parents who would like guidance in helping their children to process the terrible tragedy that occurred in Littleton, Colorado.

The Lion & Lamb Project is a national grassroots initiative providing information about the effects of violent entertainment, toys and games on children's behavior. They work with parents, teachers, day care providers, social workers, psychologists, grandparents, and anyone interested in teaching the values of nonviolence to children. See their web site at http://www.lionlamb.org

The Lion and Lamb Project has a Parent Action Kit that offers suggestions for Simple Things Parents Can Do to Protect Children from Media Violence, Transforming Children's War Chests Back into Toy Chests, and Handling Conflicts and Anger at Home and on the Playground. The Kit is available for $12 from:

The Lion and Lamb Project
4300 Montoomery Avenue-
Suite 104
Bethesda, Maryland 20814
Email: lionlamb@lionlamb.org
Telephone: 301/654-3091
FAX: 301/718-8192

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*
Romans 15:13

## PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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| Virginia Englehart | 423 - 4632 |
| Gladys Harshbarger | 483 - 2392 |
| Helen Jordan | 432 - 1848 |
| Virginia Pfluger | 489 - 6148 |
| Ethel Richhart | 422 - 7959 |
| Lila Russell | 483 - 8272 |
| Coleen Wilcoxson | 456 - 8138 |
| Charles Wrisk | 456 - 7223 |

## *PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS and LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS*

ALL families involved in
Littleton, Colorado

The family of Vince Wells. Vince
died Sunday, April 25, 1999

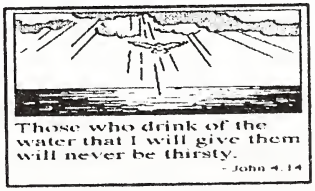
Lou Simmons - Diane Mory's Mother-
Riverbend

Betty Lanning - Cancer Treatments
(Sister of Sue Brickley)

Andy Evans - Back Surgery

Jane Kemp - Surgery
(Daughter of Mark Snyder)

Judy Mey
Jean McGrew
Gladys Harshbarger - At Home
Ruth Truesdell- At Home
Barb Rumpel- Awaiting Transplant
Wilbur Snook
John Ohneck
Ralph Church



## WOMEN'S EVENTS

SpringVIEW
There are several SpringVIEW events still available for the Disciple women of Indiana.

Saturday, May 1, Federated Church,
West Lafayette

Saturday, May 15, First Christian,
Jeffersonville

INDIANA REGIONAL WOMEN'S RETREAT -

JUNE 12-13, 1999
DePauw University
Greencastle, Indiana

Registration forms are availabe from Kris Ohneck who will be attending these events. For additional information or ride please contact Kris.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR WOMEN
November 4-5, 1999
Benedict Inn, Beech Grove

continued

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Christian women throughout Allen County will gather on Friday, May 7 at St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church, 3535 Crescent Avenue, in observance of the 1999 May Friendship Day service. the service will be sponsored locally by Church Women United of Ft. Wayne and Allen County and begins with Bible study at 9:00 am.

The theme is "God's Sweet Surprises: Angels, Mentors and Friends" from a book written by Rev. Joy Mills, and Episcopal priest from Wayne, Pennsylvania.

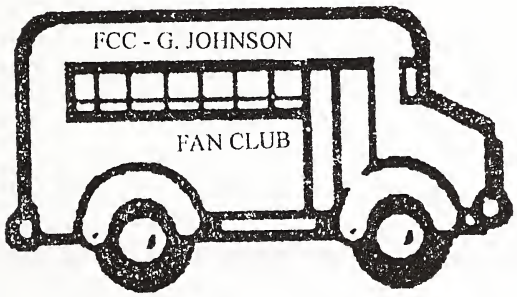
Offerings received on May Friendship Day enable the local unit of Church Women United in its ecumenical work toward making hte world safer for women and children. Fellowship of the Least Coin offerings will aslo be received at the service, to help support global projects benefiting women and children.

Additional material and information on the 1999 May Friendship Day may be obtained from Patricia Green, at 745-2715.

OPEN LETTER LETTER TO
GINNY JOHNSON

Thank you for a lovely evening, Saturday April 24th. Your voice was marvelous - the rapport with the audience was so warm and friendly and best of all it was one of our friends up there singing song we enjoyed. The fellowship for the whole evening was great!

The Bus Fan Group




..."what does the Lord require of
you;
but to do justice, and to love
kindness,
And to walk humbly with your
God."
Micah 6:8
Used in the Funeral of
Vincent D Wells
April 28, 1999

## *RUMMAGE SALE READY!*

Are You getting ready for the FCC Rummage Sale? Beginning May 1, 1999 you may bring your rummage to the church and store it on the stage. *THE SALE WILL BE HELD MAY 15, 1999, 9AM TO 2 PM.* In Fellowship Hall you may "sign-up" for sorting and pricing May 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. On Sale Day we need hlep all day long, 2 hour shifts and cleanup.

What is rummage (do you have to ask)? How about antiques, colletibles, clothing, furniture, toys, baby items, books, housewares, outdoor equipment, electronics, Christmas decorations, craft supplies, linens, glassware, etc. The Webster definition is "a sale of donated articles by a church or charitable organization." That means anything you bring will be offered for sale.

In addition to the rummage sale, there will be BAKED PIES, CAKES, COOKIES, BREADS, AND MANY OTHER CONCOCTIONS PROVIDED BY FCC BAKERS. Could there be more? YES! YES! The luncheonette is back! There will be sloppy joes, hot dogs, chips and pop.

This is a WIN WIN event. You get to clean your closets and FCC gets a boost in its budget. Participate and be a WINNER.

## *SERVING, SUNDAY MAY 2, 1999*

ELDERS
8:15 AM — Ralph Church, Eunice Conrad
10:45 AM — Jean McGrew, Donna Heimann

DIACONATE
8:15 AM — Joan Ott, Delores Keebortz, Marty Bier, Betty Grimm
10:45 AM — Eve Gorman, Kristian Scott, John Bohlen, Linda Deck, Christi Deck, Ray Stover, Linda Stover, Joan Franklin

SERVING, SUNDAY MAY 9, 1999
MOTHER'S DAY

ELDERS
8:15 AM — Kathy Cron, Anne Moll
10:45 AM — Charlie McGrew, Judy Church

DIACONATE
8:15 AM — Julia Arnold, Carole Davis, Roger Moll, Marlene Crouse
10:45 AM — Carolyn Falbe, Wayne Whitworth, Laura Whitworth, Larry Br
Sue Brey, Greg Baitz, Jenny Baitz, Katie Moll

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# Tidings

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May 12, 1999

## At the Feeder...

We're going to have a baby! Well, actually, we're going to have more than one. We might have as many as 7 or more!!! Oh.....No.....you misunderstand, Nora is not pregnant. We've got some birds nesting at our house.

Silly you.....Nora wouldn't carry more than six anyway!

A pair of robins built a nest so close to our window we can actually look into the mouths of the babies when they're born. There are two nests on the front porch. We could even reach in and touch a house finch chick if we wanted. No point in that.

Another robin couple have built a nest in the bush just outside the front door. But the one that gets me is the house finches that built a nest right over the door itself. Nora came in the other day with half a nest on her head before she realized she had disturbed it. I had to laugh before she gave me that look of ha, ha very funny.

We enter our house through the garage these days. Last week I caught Nora tip-toeing around. When I asked her what was going on, she just said, "Shhh!!!"

It sure is hard living in a nursery.

I couldn't figure out what was happening until I discovered she has been laying copies of my "At the Feeder" articles in the back yard for the birds to read. Little did she know they would move in to stay. Well, there's always room at the feeder for a few more babies. Can't wait to see the little Allen chicks.

I must admit, I'm a bit rusty at handling little creatures. I'd never make a good mom. Babies slow a person down. I like 'em big enough to communicate with and take on normal- speed outings. Babies are so vulnerable and helpless. Babies require more work than mature

creatures. Babies make messes, and NEVER cleanup after themselves. I've never figured out why people make those cooing and coochie-cooey noises and smile at a baby. . . all it does is stimulate the bowels.

Ah, but that's life and we're always in the process of being born or dying. We've had our share of the latter. Can't believe I've ever had so many funerals so close together as I've had here. I think I'm up to a dozen. Good to see a few pregnant women out there. We need some replacements. Hurry up ladies.

Babies are a ton of work, but not nearly as hard to live with as a loss of someone close. It feels like you're carrying around a sack of onions on your neck.. It hurts like heck and it really makes a person cry. But that's almost easy compared to the knot in the stomach that accompanies the neck aches.

Grieving is hard work. It can keep a body up at night. It's darn near like working two or three extra jobs. I hurt just looking at the people who are grieving in our community.

I hurt for the people in Kosovo. I hurt for the pain in the faces of the families that have children and loved ones on the front lines awaiting that horrible call to arms we know is going to come any day. I hurt for the families in Littleton, Colorado. I hurt for the victims of domestic violence. I especially hurt for the church - so many losses. I hurt for people who suffer for any reason.

Thank you God for a few babies in my window! I guess you've taught me once more how much you love us.

"Where can I go from your Spirit?" Or where can I flee from your presence?" (Psalm 139:7)

Feeding on the Love of Christ...and cooing out my front door.

Neil

*What's Happening Now . . .*

May 15th - Saturday - 9 am - 2 pm - First Christian Church Rummage Sale

May 16th - Sunday - Will hono graduates.

May 18th - Tuesday - 9 am - Rache Circle.

May 19th - Wednesday - Pastor attend General Assembly Planning sessio during the day.

May 19th - Wednesday - 6-7:30 pm Third Wednesday Worship service after carry-in dinner. Bring a covere dish for dinner at 6 pm.

May 23rd - Sunday - PENTECOST - WEAR RED !

May 23rd - Sunday - FCC all church birthday party. Carry in dinner.

May 24th through May 31st - Pastor Allen on vacation.

May 30th - Sunday - Elders will present the "sermon."

May 30th - Sunday - the 5th Sunday Breakfast right after the first service. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

May 31st - Monday - FCC office closed.

*Looking toward the future. . .*

June 6th - Sunday - 160th Anniversary of Disciples' in Indiana.

June 10th - Thursday - 7 pm - PRC Meeting.

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# THANK YOU

A special thank you for taking care of worship committee tasks to Linda & Ray Stover, Neil & Nora Allen and Sue Allen, and all of you that helped.

A few weeks ago I attended church after a long and confusing medical problem. We were singing a song with one line that said "and there are angels all around." I looked around the church and there you all were! The angels of FCC. It was a very touching moment for me. I wish to thank Laura Whitworth for my Easter basket full of juice. Thank to the Churches, Places and Ohnecks for food and visits. A special thank you to Jessie Fern Woodward for feeding us for weeks. All of your cards, calls and prayers are appreciated. Thanks for taking care of Richard. He is wonderful to me, but you all know how he is.

Judy Mey

To all of my gracious friends at First Christian, thank you for the love and support you showed me as I prepared and performed at the Ford Theater in Wabash. The bus full of people from First Christian who traveled to the concert really meant a lot to me. Thank you, Sally Rudy, for organizing it.

Thanks, too, for all of my flowers and kind notes. I so enjoyed

performing for my friends and family. I just hope you had as much fun at the concert as I did.

Love to you all,
Ginny Johnson

We wish to express our appreciation for the support given to us in the death of my brother John. There were many cards, phone calls, and personal contacts made by you. It is at times like this that provide us with the support from our church family. I have been told that brothers often bond closer than others in the family and in my loss of him I can surely identify with the thought. Again many, many THANKS.

George and Virginia Bruckman

"Never put off for tomorrow what you can do today."

I want to express a big thank you to Nora, Neil and Slater Allen for taking such good care of me after my recent outpatient surgery. (For those who don't know, Slater is the Allen's cat - and a very entertaining cat he is!) Also thanks for the many prayers of others.

Many of you have mentioned to me something about my moving away. So I will clarify this. I am selling my house because I no longer want or need the responsibility of such a big house. I took a load of furniture and things to my daughter in Minnesota because I didn't need them anymore and she can use them. I am not planning to move away, at least not yet. So, for the time being, I am still here and glad to be!

Deb Schuricht

## GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Soon–very soon! A Retreat at Subiaco Abbey near Little Rock, AK, May 31-June 5, sponsored by "Spirit Friends," a group of Disciples, both ordained and lay, who seek to practice the presence of God and to help each other grow spiritually. The goals include networking in order to help each other grow and developing a manual for spiritual direction for Disciples. Anyone is welcome to be a Spirit Friend.

Contact Rev. Judy Turner, Homeland Ministries, 130 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, 46204. Telephone 1/888/346-2631.

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## ANOTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Honduras Mission Trip
There has been an interest on the part of the Christian church in Indiana to help in the hurricane relief efforts of Honduras in a "hands on way." There is a need for adults with medical backgrounds and/or adults interested and capable of doing manual laborer. The estimated cost is $1,400.00. This is sponsored by the commission on community and Global Concerns and partner churches in Honduras. If interested contact Rev. Jim Hollis, West view Christian Church, 317/291-7871.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Andy Evans*

Hey, he was in church Sunday. We are so pleased he is doing well after the back surgery several weeks ago.

*5th Sunday Breakfast*

May 30th we will have another opportunity for a 5th Sunday Breakfast. (There are only four a year!) Please plan to join your church family during this time to fellowship and have a great breakfast, 9:15 - 10:30 am. Adult Sunday School people can pick up some breakfast and eat in class if they wish.

*Coin Collection*

Silent Bids will be taken on a coin collection donated anonymously. The collection can be seen at the rummage sale on Saturday, May 15th, from 9 am - 2 pm. The coins include wheat pennies, buffalo nickels, and silver 50 cent, 25 cent and $1.00 pieces. The current bid is $300.00. The money received will go to the Building Fund.

*Mission Report*

The Generation to Generation project of disciples that you will soon hear more about (you got a brochure prematurely in Tidings–whoops) has recently voted to advance $35,000 from the Regions General Reserves to help move an urgent building project along in the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch in Honduras.

*The T.W.W. Signs*

Have you figured out what they mean? They are looking for people (young and old) to come and eat together (boy, is the food ever good!) Then worship together kind of informally and joyously.

*Pentecost Offering (BMF)*

Your gifts are needed. Throughout the Christian community, the Holy Spirit is breath to a living leadership

entrusted with the building up of the body of Christ. The Pentecost Special Day Offering will be received on May 16th and May 23rd.

*The All-Church Birthday Party*

Pentecost Sunday is May 23rd. Right after the second service there will be a carry-in dinner celebrating our own individual birthdays and the birthday of the Church. Look forward to participating. Mark your calendar.

*Last call for recipes*

To make a really interesting FCC cookbook your recipes and kitchen hints and stories are needed. Please get them to the church office immediately. Talk to Pat if you have any questions.

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## WEEK OF COMPASSION UPDATE

The unfolding humanitarian catastrophe in Kosovo may present Europe with its greatest refugee crisis since World War II. At the current rate of expulsion, the province will be virtually depopulated in a matter of days. Church partners in the ACT (Action by Churches Together) network are working around the clock in Albania, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia to provide life-sustaining food, shelter, blankets and other essential aid to tens of thousands of Kosova refugees who are fleeing ethnic cleansing and violence and facing enormous misery and hardship.

In response to an ACT appeal for $4 million, Church Wold Service has sent $9000,000 in blanket funds and Week of Compassion has made an initial grant of $18,000. Your prayers for peace in the region and for the well being of the refugees and relief workers are deeply needed. Also, designated contributions to WOC for the Kosovo Crisis are needed and will be used in their entirety for relief assistance in the region through our church partners.

WOC Updates on the Kosovo crisis and other emergencies are available on the web: www.disciples.org/woc.

## KERNELS FROM THE FEEDER

Well, Sunday worship is always special! Weren't the children awesome? The bell ringers (Shelby & Eric McFarland, Jenna & Jordan Wise, and Nick Whitworth) in the balcony set before us the joy of making music together. They were great! And then the four young singers may be small but they are mighty. Didn't your heart just want to sing out with them "I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised. The Lord liveth. . . ."

And then there was the sermon! Have

you thrown out any starfish lately? (Of course, you've got to remember the story before the question makes any sense: a beach crowded with dying starfish every time the tide is down could discourage anyone who is dedicated to saving starfish–working hard to throw them back into the water one by one. The message was just keep on keeping on trying to make a difference in people's lives and in society itself. The reason society is the way it is, is because we support the little evil things in it. "God call us through purpose and passion to make a difference. Jesus said "I am working and my Father is working still.""

A shoe salesman knows his product, shows his product (4 on the floor), conveys some sense of urgency about what he is presenting, and closes the sale. (But it is up to the buyer to wear the shoes and care for them.) Did you know that Pastor Allen's past included being a winning shoe salesman? I think the shoe salesman stuff has something to do with the "Great Commission" that our Lord gave before he left us to do the job.

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Tornado victims.
Kosovo refugees.
Lou Simmons - Diane Mory's Mother - Riverbend
Betty Lanning - Cancer Treatments (Sister of Sue Brickley)
Andy Evans - Recovering
Katherine Smart - Fell and broke her wrist and thumb.
Jane Kemp - At Home (Daughter of Mark Snyder)
Judy Mey  Marilyn McDougle
Ruth Truesdell  John Ohneck
Barb Rumpel - Awaiting Transplant
Wilbur Snook - At Home
Ralph Church - Surgery May 19th.

## PARENTS PLEASE NOTE . . .

Children who are completing the second grade this year are invited to attend "Welcome to Worship" series during the 10:45 am Sunday worship on May 16th, 23rd and June 6th. Children who are older and have not attended this series previously are also invited to participate. Children should plan to attend all three classes.

Please call Teresa at 447 - 2649 or the church office (744-3239) if you have a child who would like to participate.

SERVING:

MAY 16TH

ELDERS:
8:15 AM
Eunice Conrad, Sam Hayes
10:45 AM
Charlie Hatten, Becca Widmer

DIACONATE:
8:15 AM
Joan Ott, Delores Keebortz,
Marty Bier, Betty Grimm
10:45 AM
Eve Gorman, Kristian Scott,
John Bohlen, Linda Deck,
Christi Deck, Ray Stover,
Linda Stover, Lori Vandergriff

COMMUNION PREPARATION:
Joan Ott, Katie Moll, Carolyn Falbe

MAY 23RD

ELDERS
8:15 AM
Kris Ohneck, Ralph Church
10:45 AM
Marlo Quick, Dick Mey

DIACONATE:
8:15 AM
Julia Arnold, Carole Davis,
Roger Moll, Marlene Crouse
10:45 AM
Holly Mathis, Wayne Whitworth,
Laura Whitworth, Larry Brey, Sue Brey,
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## In memory of Frances Elizabeth Eckert

### le feeder again . . .

: are lots of bird feeder experts out there these Everyone seems to know a little more, or they do, than the next person. As my friend o say at the coffee shop, "The first liar doesn't a chance." Kick a garbage sack and experts catter in every direction on a host of topics. TV is full of expert advice on everything t how to be "normal."

never considered myself an expert on any ct outside of church board meetings,. . . t maybe bowling and charcoal grilling en. Don't mess with me on the lanes or d a Weber grill. I can be lethal. (Tip: parboil icken first and turn it often. Never parboil a ng ball, but do rotate it every time you throw

t out and bought one of those fancy new ng balls this year. I hadn't bowled on a league er 20 years , and I discovered that my old ball t work on these new lane treatments. Oh, I adjusting, but I soon realized I was fighting the able. My poor old ball was just skidding the lane. I kept getting what the old time bowlers used to call the wash out" (a cluster of three pins - caused when the head pin redirects the ball more than the ball redirects the pins... is this more than you needed to know?)

I bought a used "hammer," (a "reactive" ball) or as David Brooks calls it, "Da Hamma." Da Hamma took me a few months to get used to, but soon I began to figure out how to use its counter-weight balanced, sanded-urethane finish, fingertip grip - honkin hook! I bowled a 234 in practice on my day off a few weeks ago ... just in time for the end of the season. AHHHH....Oh well, it was fun anyway.

Our church team improved as the season went on. Larry Brey gave us a steady supplement of 165's, David Brooks gave us a sack full of thrills (he became known as "Gyro-Man" and "The Secret Weapon from Canada.") Christi Deck gave us tons of laughs and a number of great games of "Whatever." It was good fun, despite the smoking and drinking the other teams seemed to enjoy. Chh...Chhh... The "Disciples Semi-Pro or Otherwise OK Bowling Team" (short-hand = The Disciples) came in about 10th on a 15 team league. All for fun.

Everyone needs a little fun in their life. A break from the "normal" craziness. Sometimes this winter the only thing that held me together was my love of God and throwing a 16 pound weight down some wood planks. Some days you just have to do that.

I see the mother bird's back at the feeder these days. Sometimes they actually look like they're leaning against the feeder like a mom against a coffee cup in those early morning hours before the kids get up. There they sit perched with that long stare into the morning sun, just taking it easy for a bit. Back in the nest it's demand-city...but just for a moment a little break from the normal madness is a Martha Steward "good thing."

Well, the birds aren't the only ones heading for a break. Many will soon be heading to those lake cottage and summer outings; little get-a-ways. I send you with love a few words of caution. Remember to worship while you are on vacation (supplement your spiritual intake with a healthy "praise the Lord" this summer), and remember to support your local church while you are away. (We're still holding our breath, just a bit, to see if we're going to make it through the summer months. That's when many churches and blood centers tap-out resources...and we also run short of bowlers too.)

Just a friendly reminder to keep up with your pledges and over-and above-gifts promised.

It's like the experts say, "You can't feed the birds from an empty feeder." (A new old saying.)

Feeding on the love of Christ, and resting my arm for the big mid-summer, all church bowling tournament.

Neil
"Da Hamma"

*"You have been born anew, not of perishable imperishable seed, through the living and end word of God."* (I Peter 1:23)

## What's Happening Now . . .

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June 1st - Tuesday - 7 pm - Elders Meetin

June 2nd - 12:15 - 12:45 pm - Vocal Varie Ginny Johnson - First Wayne Street Unit Methodist Church, 300 E. Wayne Street

June 6th - Sunday - 160th Anniversary of Disciples' in Indiana.

June 6th - Sunday - Annual Meeting and Election of Officers - Lunch will be prov

June 10th - Thursday - 7 pm - PRC Meeting.

## Looking toward the future. . .

June 12 & 13 - Indiana Retreat for Wome Depauw University - Greencastle. For schedule information, contact FCC office (744-3239).

June 13th - Sunday - Presentations of Bibles to children having completed the "Welcome to Worship" series. Also teacher recognition day.

June 16th - T.W.W. - 6 - 7:30 pm. Carry-in dinner and worship service.

June 18th & 19 Wedding rehearsal and wedding.

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THANK YOU

I wish to thank everyone for their concern, prayers and cards during my recent surgery. In case you hear Pastor Allen's diagnosis– IGNORE IT! - I had an artery transplant in my right hand.

Bob Smith

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

Family of John Bruckman

Dear FCC Members

Please know how deeply the Parlette family appreciated your love and support during the time of mother's death in April. We'd have been lost without you all, your wonderful minister Neil, your music staff, and choir. Thank you too, to all of those who so graciously gave your time to visit, help and bring communion to Kingston for Mom and Dad. They really enjoyed and appreciated that.

Sincerely, The Parlettes

Dear Friends,

I have been blessed by your expressions of love - written and verbal - during this week of my mother's death and burial. Thanks for being my family in Christ.

Eunice

Dear Friends in Christ

Thank you so much for your recent clothing donation.

Caring people, like yourselves, make this ministry possible. We appreciate your generosity.

In His love and service,
Patty Crisp and Charis House Staff

## GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Soon–very soon! A Retreat at Subiaco Abbey near Little Rock, AK, May 31-June 5, sponsored by "Spirit Friends," a group of Disciples, both ordained and lay, who seek to practice the presence of God and to help each other grow spiritually. The goals include networking in order to help each other grow and developing a manual for spiritual direction for Disciples. Anyone is welcome to be a Spirit Friend.

Contact Rev. Judy Turner, Homeland Ministries, 130 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, 46204. Telephone 1/888/346-2631.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Dedications*

Sunday, May 23rd was Baby Dedication D Mr & Mrs Mark Grier brought their child Brittney Marie and Jacob Mark for dedica

*Summer Christian Camp*

Camp registration forms are due NOW! Don't miss out on this wonderful fellowsh time with old and new friends.

*Food Bank*

Our Food Bank desperately needs your he If you have a few hours a month to help se our community, please call Bill Franklin a 456 -8918.

*5th Sunday Breakfast*

May 30th we will have another opportunity for 5th Sunday Breakfast. (There are only four a year!) Please plan to join your church family during this time to fellowship and have a great breakfast, 9:15 - 10:30 am. Adult Sunday Sch people can pick up some breakfast and eat in c if they wish.

*VBS - Adult Class*

"Is there life after stress?" - Plan now to atten Pastor Allen will be the teacher.

*lission Report*

he Generation to Generation project of sciples that you will soon hear ore about (you got a brochure prematurely Tidings–whoops) has recently voted to dvance $35,000 from the Regions General eserves to help move an urgent building roject along in the aftermath of Hurricane litch in Honduras.

*T.W.W.*

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DMA - *Recipes*

DMA's cookbook project has reached the planning stage. On Tuesday, June 1st at our regular carry-in luncheon, we will be sorting and deciding on which recipes to use. So *everyone* ( not just DMA, but everyone!) please send or bring your funny kitchen stories, kitchen hints, and recipes so that each can be considered for the new

FCC COOKBOOK 2000!!

*Old Friend - New Name*

Dear Friends,

As of now I will be returning to my former name, Lehman. It will show up that way in the new directory. I appreciate all of your love and prayers on my behalf. I now have a web address, so if you would like to e-mail me, please do so at DebLehman@webtv.net. I promise I'll write you back!

Deb (Schuricht) Lehman

*End of Year Choir Party*

Saturday, June 5 from 4 pm until Janice's Bedtime!

AT: Janice and Rena's Home
3003 Sweet Cider Road
489 - 5269

Meat & Drinks Provided: (Hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, coffee, tea, lemonade and water)

Continued . . .

Bring with you: Dish to pass (Call church office or see sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall) Bring other beverages if desired. Lawn Chairs, spouse, significant other, or friend. Call church office for directions.

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*Updates*

The Stewardship Ministry Team would like to thank everyone who helped make the 1999 Rummage Sale such a great success. We raised over $1,100 toward the 1999 Challenge goal of $5,000. It took many people to make phone calls, sort and price items, bake cookies, pickup items, cook hot dogs, collect money and clean up. We estimate over 200 people came to First Christian that day and had a chance to meet some pretty nice people. We would like to thank the Christian Education Ministry Team for providing the leadership needed to make this event possible. The next event will be the 1999 First Christian Church Golf Outing.

The Stewardship Ministry Team is also working on getting your contribution statements to you. We hope to have them to you in the next week or so. For those maki contributions toward the 1999 Challenge, please mark your envelopes with the portio of your gift you would like applied toward your Challenge Pledge.

If you would like to give a gift toward the 1999 Challenge, just mark your check or envelope with "1999 Challenge" and drop i in the offering plate or send it to the office.

If you receive this Tidings and are not able attend worship service but would like to he with our 1999 budget mail your check to th church and mark it "1999 Challenge."

Your faithful giving is very much appreciat and makes the many ministries of First Christian Church possible.

Charlie Hatten

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WEEK OF COMPASSION UPDATE

*A deep abiding sense of community. . .*

Lydia and Jack Johnson-Hill are missionari engaged in theological education in Fiji. L November they wrote of graduation at Paci Theological College.

At the beginning of the year each staff fami is given responsibility for an "advisory group.' a mixture of students and support st and their families. The focus of the groups *personal* with laughter, story-telling and

music making as well as prayer together and the sharing of tough issues in their personal ives.

There is also a communal dimension as everyone helps students having a hard time. One such student had missed the official deadline for submitting the final draft of his nesis. "A student who was good at English would sit with him late into the night, helping im convert his Tongan grammar into English rammatical forms. Another student gently ncouraged him to keep going. Two staff embers became like parents, offering notional as well as academic guidance. ydia proof read the final draft. Through it l, we prayed, cajoled, sternly reprimanded d kept starting again. The other students id that they could not celebrate the mpletion of their own theses until everyone as finished. And finish he did. Everyone d passed and now everyone could ebrate."

d, there was the spiritual time when each parting student and staff member had portunity at daily chapel to say what the perience at P.C. had meant for their own ristian journey. "One student courageously red the faith struggle he and his wife have ured as she has battled with cancer all r. She could barely muster the strength to d, but she read the 23rd Psalm as it has er been read before. And we wept."

*e from W.O.C.*

homans and Kansans continue to dig out one of the most ferocious tornadoes to strike the Great Plains this century. Fifty-one people have been killed, more than five-hundred injured, and thousands of homes, farms and businesses destroyed or damaged. In several communities major employers have been debilitated, jeopardizing the employment of hundreds of people.

The Disciples community in the region has been severely impacted as well. The sanctuary of first Christian in Haysville, KS was destroyed. More than fifty disciples families in at least seventeen congregations have lost homes. Among those who died in the tornadoes, one person was a member of Hillcrest CC, OKC.

WOC has provided $31,000 to Disciples regional offices in Oklahoma and Kansas to assist with immediate needs in our congregations. WOC has committed an initial $15,000 to Church Wold Service for interfaith relief efforts. WOC director Johnny Wray is traveling in the region now to visit pastors and survivors and to coordinate additional Disciples' responses. Local Disciples are heavily involved in relief efforts. First Christian in Del city is serving as a relief center for the community. Disciples Linda Reed Brown and Larry Bishop are two of several CWS Disaster Response consultants already at work. For more information and a detailed listing of impacted congregations, please see the WOC web page: www.disciples.org/woc.

Needs are immense. Designated contributions can be made to WOC and will be used in their entirety for tornado relief and recovery.

Blessings, Johnny Wray

## PARENTS PLEASE NOTE . . .

Children who are completing the second grade this year are invited to attend "Welcome to Worship" series during the 10:45 am Sunday worship on May 16th, 23rd and June 6th. Children who are older and have not attended this series previously are also invited to participate. Children should plan to attend all three classes.

Please call Teresa at 447 - 2649 or the church office (744-3239) if you have a

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## PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS a LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS

Tornado victims.
Kosova refugees
The family of Frances Eckert.
(Mrs. Charles) Frances was killed in an automobile accident. She has been a membe FCC since 1962.
Betty Lanning - Cancer Treatments
(Sister of Sue Brickley)
Andy Evans - Recovering
Katherine Smart -Recovering
Jane Kemp - At Home
(Daughter of Mark Snyder)
Judy Mey Marilyn McDougle
Ruth Truesdell John Ohnec
Barb Rumpel - Awaiting Transplant
Wilbur Snook - At Home
Ralph Church -Parkview - Critical Care
Carl Shafer
Heather Luther (Friend of Becky Krull
Wayne Whitworth - Going to Mayo Clini

*letter from Art Vermillion. . .*

ank you for the opportunity to be in
nistry with you and the region. Seven years
ve gone by all too quickly! I am grateful
those ways in which our lives have be
riched by each other as we've shared in the
y-to-day tasks, including problems and
ssibilities. Your insights, criticisms,
couragements, creativity, sense of humor,
rk and prayers have made me a better
nister...more aware of the love of God, the
ce of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the
owship of the Holy Spirit.

w I invite you to please welcome Carolyn
ey Reed, who brings many gifts and much
e for Christ and the church to this position.
ust that you will contact her at your earliest
venience.

y you--and all of those with whom you are
inistry--continue to find much challenge,
illment, and joy as you labor together
gside the Risen Christ.

nk you for the cards and love shared with
our family and our ministry.

Art

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serve one another with whatever gift you
received...so that God may be glorified
l things through Jesus Christ." ~
er 4: 10-11*

*A letter from C. Ed Weisheimer. . .*

I am writing to you to introduce you to Carolyn Reed. Carolyn is a native Hoosier, coming from the Martinsville area. She is a graduate of the University of Indianapolis and Christian Theological Seminary. She did her student pastorates in Indianapolis and Kokomo, and served as Chair of the commission on Camps and conferences during her years here. She is coming from a 12-year pastorate in Chico, California. Carolyn's husband, Bill, is a high school math teacher. They have tow sons, Ryan 12 and Zachary 9. You can look forward to meeting her personally in the months ahead.

Carolyn brings a deep commitment and outstanding gifts to the ministry. I believe you and the church are going to enjoy her ver much and benefit by her counsel and spirit. She is warm hearted and lots of fun! You wil want to invite her to preach and to meet with your youth and your church leaders

As you know, Carolyn will be resourcing our youth ministries in addition to her pastoral and resourcing work with the congregations.

Please extend to her a hearty welcome.

Sincerely,

Ed. Weisheimer
Regional Minister

SERVING ON MAY 30

*ELDERS*
8:15 am
Sam Hayes, Kris Ohneck
10:15am
Judy Mey, Bill Franklin

*DIACONATE*
8:15 am
Joan Ott, Delores Keebortz, Marty Bier, Betty Grimm
10:45 am
Eve Gorman, Kristian Scott, John Bohlen, Linda Deck, Christi Deck, Ray Stover, Linda Stover, Joan Franklin

SERVING ON JUNE 6

*ELDERS*
8:15 am
Anne Moll, Kathy Cron
10:15 am
Charlie Hatten, Judy Church

*DIACONATE*
8:15 am
Julia Arnold, Carole Davis, Roger Moll, Betty Grimm
10:45 am
Carolyn Falbe, Wayne Whitworth, Laura Whitworth, Larry Brey, Sue Brey, Greg Baitz, Jenny Baitz, Katie Moll

*HOMEBOUND COMMUNION*
Kris Ohneck, Delores Keebortz, Sam Hayes, Joan Ott, Becca Widmer, Holly Mathis, Bill Franklin, Kristian Scott.

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IN MEMORY OF RALPH CHURCH

# Tidings

st Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Fort Wayne IN 46807

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## the feeder again . . .

en I got the handle "Eagle I" in my steel mill s, I was kind of proud of it. Everyone called me gle I." They, of course, were making fun of my -mature baldness - but I loved the name. You'll er guess how Eagle 2, 3 and 4 combed their hair.

, I was proud of my handle. I painted the name my hard hat (the hat was white of course). An le is a majestic bird in flight. It was a great ne to carry.

t to see a Bald Eagle in Missouri one day as I ve along Highway 61 south of Canton. The ned thing was flying right over the highway at ut 200 feet. Nearly wrecked my 79 Fairmount ng to get a look at that beautiful bird. I found later that I've probably seen a number of Bald les along that stretch, but didn't recognize them ause they have to be at least five years old ore they get those white heads and black bodies look like their made of steel.

if you see a black and white Bald Eagle, you ooking at a mature and experienced raptor. It's vonder we love to have them as the symbol of nation or as a nick-name. Proud, majestic, erienced and steady in flight.

know, I think some people look at First Christian as such a creature. They drive by and see the stone exterior, the tall shining dome and they expect big things from us. Of course, with such beauty, sometimes it's hard to live up to our architecture. Sometimes the expectations are out of line with the contributions. Of course, if we had more to work with . . . . . .

Well, we're always going to have people expect big things from us, even if we aren't fully prepared to meet the challenges people bring to our doors. It's sort of like that game we played as children, "Ready or not here I come." We could simply keep the doors locked, screen all our calls, sort of like the younger eagle does (hide our image)....or we could continue to work toward a more prepared ministry at FCC. It's really up to us. I've seen more than one big old barn filled with sparrows...what's one more?

But if we believe God is able and ready to help us soar as if we had wings (and feathers) of mature eagles, then perhaps we can learn to live up to our architecture. No one said it would be easy. The high expectations come with the feathers.....stone exteriors.....I mean...the name Christian.

Feeding on the Love of Christ. Neil

*"And we want each of you to show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope to the very end, so that you may not become sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises." (Hebrew 6:11-12)*

## What's Happening Now . . .

June 11 & 12 - Wedding Rehearsal and Wedding.

June 12 & 13 - Indiana Retreat for Women - Depauw University - Greencastle. For schedule information, contact FCC office (744-3239).

June 13th - Sunday - Presentations of Bibles to children having completed the "Welcome to Worship" series.

June 13th - Sunday - Teacher recognition day.

June 13th - 7:00 pm - Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren - 6404 S. Calhoun Street - Prayers for Kosovo. For more information call 456 - 1993.

June 16th - T.W.W. - 6 - 7:30 pm. Carry-in dinner and worship service.

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October 10th - 2 pm - Franke Park - The CROP Walk.

November 14 - Area Assembly - at First Christian Church of Ft Wayne.

November 21 - 2,000 Christians to Celeb 2,000th Birthday of Jesus Christ at Grand Wayne Center - 3-4:30 pm.

## HANK YOU

ank you for all the cards and well wishes
m our "First" family on the birth of our
ughter - Miranda. You are such a special
ngregation and we know we will always
ve a home at First Christian.

Laurie, Scott, Nicholas and
Miranda Berry

ar FCC Family,
ank you so much for the "Welcome Gift!"
e money you sent to Week of Compassion
my name is greatly appreciated. How did
u know that Week of Compassion is one of
favorite offerings?!
ook forward to meeting more of the
ngregation and working with you in the
ure.

Blessings!
Carolyn Reed

## *ANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!*

me, the month of May is that time of the
r when I am most unsure of the weather
tern - is it going to be cold or hot, should I
away winter clothing or wait until June.
wever uncertain, I may be regarding the
ather, life has to go on. Making decisions,
stepping out into the unknown is just a
ple of the great challenges that life offers

Saturday, May 8, West Creighton Church
ng with the Creighton Home
ghborhood Association dared the
nown by putting on a May Fest. The weather was not what we wanted, but the event went ahead as scheduled and based on the comments received, it was a success!! This is a golden opportunity for the church and the Neighborhood Association to use the May Fest as a launching pad to work together and develop other community projects.

Looking back at May Fest, the greatest success to me was the tremendous effort displayed by members of the church, Neighborhood Association and the choirs.

Let me say a big thank you to the committee who met at different times to plan the Fest, those who donated cash, baked goods, and who gave of their time on the day of the event and also to the News Media who gave us coverage.

What can I say about the choirs, who performed admirably. Thank you Festival Choir and Hand Bells, Summit City Barber Shop and First Christian Church's Chancel and Good News Choirs. May God continue t bless all of your endeavors.

Let us remember each other, through our prayers, phone calls and personal visitations.

Shalom!

Pastor Michael Sinclair

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November 1 - 14, 1999

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andpa's! Granddaughter's! Grandson's!
/ERYONE.

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ipe, won't you please do so. The D.M.A.
ly wants this to be an FCC Cookbook.
r your convenience, we have included a
cipe page". Please copy your favorite
ipe and get it to the church office ASAP.
e hope to have the recipes sorted and ready
typing by the end of August.

*dding*
and Mrs. Richard Hamm and Mr and Mrs
d Conley request the honor of your
sence at the celebration of their children's -
anda Conley and David Hamm - wedding
Saturday, July 17, 1999 - at 11:30 am at
Paul United Church of Christ, 165
ssaint Street, Oak Harbor, Ohio.
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*Welcome*
We wish to announce the arrival of twins! Sterling Lee King and Isaac Eugene King were born to Tawnia Comer and Butch King. Sterling weighed 5 lbs and was 18 ½ " long and brother Isaac weighed in at 5 lbs 1 oz and was 17 ½ " long. Congratulations!

*Changes*
Due to many changes over the past several years, we find it necessary to re-issue offering envelope numbers. Beginning with the year 2000, you may be receiving a new number.

*Pictorial Directories*
Our new pictorial directories are ready and they are beautiful. Please stop by the FCC office and get yours.

*Weekday Religious Education Teachers*
The Associated Churches is looking for Weekday Religious Education Teachers for the Fall Semester. Classes begin in the 3rd week of September and will end the second week in May of 2000. This is a tremendous opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of the children and to teach 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders about God's love and about the values needed to be good people. There will be 5-6 paid positions open in the fall. Call Kathy Rolf Associated Churches (422-3528) for more information.

Continued . . .

*Update*

During the Letter Carriers' Food Drive on May 8th, 278,000 pounds of food was collected for the food bank system. That means that each day between now and August, food will be sorted, boxed, and prepared for shipment to our 27 food bank sites. We also help 32 other churches and social service agencies with extra food as it is available )Aides Task Force, YWCA, Women's Shelter, Miss Virginia's Mission House, etc). We need your help. Please being together a work group from your church and come and have a great time helping others. This can be in the morning, afternoon, evenings, or on Saturday morning. Call Ellen Graham at 422-3528 to schedule your Youth Group, Men's Group, Women's Group, Sunday School Class or Scout Troop.

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Flight 1420 Victims - Little Rock
Kosovo refugees
Betty Lanning - Cancer
(Sister of Sue Brickley)
Jim Brickley
(Son of Sue Brickley)
Andy Evans - Recovering
Katherine Smart -Recovering
Judy Mey
Jean McGrew
Ruth Truesdell
Barb Rumpel - Awaiting Transplant
Wilbur Snook - At Home
Ralph Church -Parkview - Isolation
Carl Shafer
Heather Luther (Friend of Becky Krull)
Wayne & Laura Whitworth -
Wayne went to Mayo Clinic Tuesday June 8

## *HEELS CHANGE OUR LIVES*

lemories are something that allow me to onnect with the past and also help me to now that the future can be even better. Do ou have memories of the first car you rode ? For me, it was a 1948 Studebaker. It placed walking to church on Sunday and it ok my family miles away from our home to sit Grandma.

ve Model-T Roadsters were donated to the ristian Church in Indiana in 1914, by arshall Reeves, an outstanding layman who es in Columbus, Indiana. In *The Hoosier sciples,* Henry K. Shaw stated Reeves' son for giving the cars: "With these first n Lizzies evangelists can cover the state ter, have more revivals, which means more ople will be let to Jesus." Commodore W. uble, State Secretary (Regional Minister) d at the Marion, Indiana Convention in 5, "One thousand fifty-four people have n led to Christ in sixty-seven different etings, thanks to the Tin Lizzies."

ry church parking lot in the forties and es had cars such as the Dusenberg, Jack bit, Studebaker, DeSoto, and Crosley. se automobiles were built in Indiana, ch helped our economy. Thanks to the mobiles we have accelerated our ministry. ional staff travel from one part of the state nother in a matter of minutes or hours.

t summer while attending the Regional embly, I was sitting underneath a tent on lawn eating dinner. Looking across the ing lot I discovered nearly two dozen church vans lined up with the church locations painted on the side. I wonder if in another fifty years, our children will be asking, "Where are the vans?" I remember those cars which are no more and how they have played an important part in our lives. Jesus said, "Go therefore and baptize and teach . . . and . . . Obey." He doesn't say HOW. Perhaps we will take some type of "space car."

Robert L. Harris,
New Albany Indiana

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*
*Romans 15:13*

SERVING ON JUNE 13

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Kris Ohneck, Sam Hayes

10:15am

Becca Widmer, Dick Mey

*DIACONATE*

8:15 am

Julia Arnold, Carole Davis, Roger Moll, Marlene Course

10:45 am

Carolyn Falbe, Wayne Whitworth, Laura Whitworth, Larry Brey, Sue Brey, Greg Baitz, Jenny Baitz, Katie Moll

*HOMEBOUND COMMUNION* - June 2

Sam Hayes, Christi Deck, Ron Wise, Jenny Baitz, Kathy Cron, Greg Baitz, Anne Moll, John Bohlen

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## e feeder again . . .

Downy Woodpecker, 4 Gold Finches, 10 se Finches, 4 adult Robins (6 babies), 6-8 rning Doves, 5 Blue Jays, 2 Cardinals, 25 ows, 7 Starlings,.....I've come a long way that cold February morning when two veight Mourning Doves were the total at eder.

bute my success to staying the course. that day, when I nearly quit feeding I've decided to redouble my efforts. With wo regulars at the feeder, I went out and t two more feeders, new seed, and pushed ay through the snow, rain and dead of o make every effort to keep feeding. You believe that good things sometimes take I also believed in my system. Quality onsistent care, availability of seed, these principles behind successfully feeding birds. Fresh water helps a bunch too.

o I feed the birds you ask? Well, that's love birds. I love their colors. I love ngs. I love their natures. God made Why wouldn't a person love birds? e beautiful, graceful, strong willed, diligent, gifted with wonderful sounding voices.....come to think of it, they're a lot like you.

Oh, you should have been there the other day. A magnificent male Goldfinch landed at the water tray and hopped his way to the screen door just a few feet from our Sunday afternoon cook out. He stretched up on his toes facing us and sang the most beautiful song I've heard in many years. Loud, proud, and quite long, he sang. And then he hopped over to the water, took a drink and flew off around the corner to the feeder.

I think he was saying thank you.

I just wish I knew how to say it back.

Feeding on the love of Christ, Neil

*"Sing to the Lord a new song. Come into God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise."*

P.S. 1-Scarlet Tanager, 3 Cowbirds, 1 Nuthatch, 1 Wren, 1 chubby rabbit baby (grumble), 3 overly brave, quick climbing squirrels (oh well).....still counting....

*What's Happening Now . .*

July 21st - Third Wednesday Worship - Bring a dish to share - 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

June 27th to June 30th - 6:45- 8:30 pm. Vacation Bible School. Classes for all ages. Bring a friend! BE SURE AND GET YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN REGISTERED. Registration form included in this Tidings mailing. Adult class - by Pastor Allen - "Is there life after stress?"

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THANK YOU

How grateful we are for the faith community of First Christian Church for the love and support you have shown us at the time of Ralph's unexpected death.

The prayers, calls, cards, visits, food and tea have lifted us when we faltered and watered our spirits when we felt like we were in a desert. The get-well cards turned into sympathy cards but they were expressions o concern and meant just as much to us.

The funeral service was like a balm in Gilea that restored our souls. We wish that we did not have to experience tragedy for us to fully appreciate the fellowship we have at First Christian. Please know that we give thanks God for the love expressed through each one of you.

The family of Ralph Church

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EVERYONE.

Everyone that has not already submitted a recipe, won't you please do so. The D.M.A. truly wants this to be an FCC Cookbook. For your convenience, we have included a "recipe page". Please copy your favorite recipe and get it to the church office ASAP. We hope to have the recipes sorted and ready for typing by the end of August.

*Piano Lessons*
Piano lessons are available here at FCC by Phyllis Lahr. Call 219/758-3154 for appointment and additional information.

Cost at FCC: Non-member $12.00
FCC member $10.00

at Phyllis' home in Markle $7.00. Prices are for ½ hour lessons.

*Changes*
Due to many changes over the past several years, we find it necessary to re-issue offering envelope numbers. Beginning with the year 2000, you may be receiving a new number.

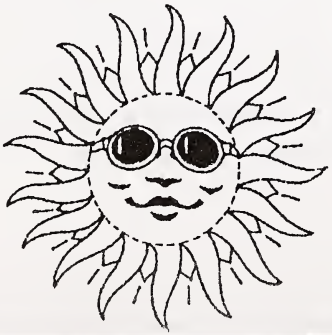
*Weekday Religious Education Teachers*
The Associated Churches is looking for Weekday Religious Education Teachers for the Fall Semester. Classes begin in the 3rd week of September and will end the second week in May of 2000. This is a tremendous opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of the children and to teach 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders about God's love and about the values needed to be good people. There will be 5-6 paid positions open in the fall. Call Kathy Rolf Associated Churches (422-3528) for more information.

**World Council of Churches Searches for Young Adult Interns**

The Young Adult Intern of the U.S. office of the World Council of Churches (an under-30 member of a WCC church in the U.S.A.) To serve October 1999 through July 2000. They promote and coordinate ecumenical youth involvement among the WCC's member churches in the United States; assist in planning regional and international events related to the U.S. Office; relate to and facilitate communication between WCC Youth Team in Geneva, Switzerland, and the youth and leadership of WCC member churches in the USA, work cooperatively with the Geneva Youth Team to organize internal events involving U.S. Young Adults; contribute to an area of personal interest that can be developed through WCC global activities; support the overall work of the U.S. Office in New York as a member of the staff team.

Suggestions can be made by contacting Jean S. Stromberg, Executive Director @ P.O. Box 1211, CH. 1211 Geneva 2 Switzerland (Telephone (41) (22) 791-6111)

Contributions for Young Adult Ministries for the World Council of Churches can be made by writing World Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 915, New York, New York 10115.



DINNER WITH GOD

Yeltsin, Clinton and Bill Gates were invited to have dinner with God. During dinner he told them "I need three important people to send this message out to all people. Tomorrow I will destroy the earth."

Yeltsin immediately called together his cabinet and told them "I have two really terrible news items for you:

1. God really exists and
2. Tomorrow He will destroy the earth."

Clinton called an emergency meeting of the Senate and Congress and told them, "I have good news and bad news":

1. The good news is that God really does exist;
2. The bad news is tomorrow he is destroying the earth."

Bill gates went back to Microsoft and happily announced "I have two fantastic announcements

1. I am one of the three most important people on earth and
2. The Year 2000 problem is solved."

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8:15 am

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10:15 am

Judy Mey, Bill Franklin

*DIACONATE*

8:15 am

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10:45 am

Eve Gorman, Kristian Scott, John Bohlen, Lind Deck, Carolyn Falbe, Ray Stover, Linda Stover, Joan Franklin

## GLOBAL MINISTRIES

*ank You Teacher . . .*

e Rev. Karl and Jan Whitman are
ssionaries serving in the Marshall Islands.
rl is Liaison Pastor for Micronesia and the
rshall Islands and theological education
tructor; Jan is an elementary and English
ucator.

e words of Deut. 32: 2-3 are Jan's daily
yer as she teaches. Earning her students'
st and affection has made it possible for her
make a difference in their lives.

he Marshallese culture, young girls only
rn about relationships and the physical and
otional changes that happen to all
lescents from their older sisters or aunts,
nds and sometimes their grandmothers.
ditionally parents never talk to them about
h things, and, for the most part, the
cussion of these subjects is usually
ided.

er a year of teaching 8th grade at Rita
istian School in Majuro, Marshall Islands,
girls trusted Jan enough to seek her out at
e feast" following a youth rally to ask what
words "love," "sex," "dating" mean. A
ly hour-long "question and answer"
ion followed which may have changed the
s of these young women living in a society
verpopulation, sexually transmitted
ases, and rampant teen pregnancy.

ank you, Teacher. We'll never forget you,
girls say.

## PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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| Millers Merry Manor | Garland Flickinger |
| Ossian Health Care | Dorothy Green |
| Regency Place of FW | Bernice Montgomery |
| Renaissance Village | Kathlyn Banet |
| Riverbend | Lou Simmons |
| St Anne's Nursing Home | Ressie Ehresman |
| Townhouse Health Ctr | Lola Miller |
| Lucille Branstrator | 747 - 5691 |
| Andy Cook | 637 - 5736 |
| Virginia Englehart | 423 - 4632 |
| Gladys Harshbarger | 483 - 2392 |
| Helen Jordan | 432 - 1848 |
| Virginia Pfluger | 489 - 6148 |
| Ethel Richhart | 422 - 7959 |
| Lila Russell | 483 - 8272 |
| Coleen Wilcoxson | 456 - 8138 |
| Charles Wrisk | 456 - 7223 |

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Kosovo peace
Lou Simmons - Diane Mory's mother at Riverbend
Betty Lanning - Cancer (Sister of Sue Brickley)
Jim Brickley - (Pinched nerve surgery - Son of Sue Brickley)
Andy Evans - Recovering
Katherine Smart -Recovering
Jean McGrew - At Home
Gladys Harshbarger - At Home
Ruth Truesdell - At Home
Barb Rumpel - Awaiting Transplant
Wilbur Snook - At Home
Kathlyn Banet
Andy Cook
Carl Shafer
Heather Luther (Friend of Becky Krull)
Wayne & Laura Whitworth - Moving to Minnesota
Mildred Widmer - Becca's Mother in law - 85 years old - St. Joseph Medical Center - Room 591-1
Estel Vandergriff - Guatemala

## *INTERNET WISDOM*

Ponder this . . .

Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.

To handle yourself, use your head;
To handle others, use your heart.

Anger is only one letter short of danger.

Great minds discuss ideas;
Average minds discuss events;
Small minds discuss people.

God gives every bird its food,
But He does not throw it into its nest.

He who loses money, loses much;
He who loses a friend, loses more;
He who loses faith, loses all.

Beautiful young people are acts of nature,
But beautiful old people are works of art.

Learn from the mistakes of others.
You cannot live long enough to make them yourself.

The tongue weighs practically nothing.
But so few people can hold it.

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rrplop.....out dropped the baby finch, a bit en, very wet, and very disoriented. I had no I nearly killed the poor thing. All I wanted was water the plants on the porch.

finch family is working on baby #2.

hung a woven basket thing, just outside ining room window. She has it beautifully rated with a straw hanging. Right now it nbles a $300,000 finch condo. They slip hind the straw like Brook Shields did in vaterfall scene in "Blue Lagoon." The ng basket full of geraniums is their safe landing and hiding area. Baby made it to ife zone on its first flight, obviously just tes before the hose treatment.

wondering what they were up to the other hen they sat on the gutter and called and . Now I know.

does one apologize to a finch?

robably violated their trust, destroyed our nship....I'm really sorry. If I could only say in Finchese "Let's work this through in faith.....let's ask God to bring reconciliation.....let's seek a unified spirit in Christ." I'm hopeful everything will settle down, but sometimes there is just no talking to a finch....especially one with a wet and crying chick on their hands. They get kind of defensive.

I keep looking out every day to see if there is a finch in a three piece suit with a tiny brief case and law degree after me....maybe a few finch police surrounding the house.....or perhaps a finch social worker doing an investigation.....I think I'm getting paranoid....

My worst fear is to see a little "For Sale" sign stuck in the straw one day. It would probably say, One Owner - Cheep." Get it? Cheep?...Ok, so it wasn't all that funny....I'm just trying to lighten my spirits a bit.

God knows I try to please everyone. God knows I work hard every day not to hurt others. God knows I'm trying and giving my best. God knows I'm not perfect....I'm just.....

Feeding on the love of Christ, and hoping I don't hurt anyone in the process,
Neil.

*"So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at had.....Wretched man that I am. Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Romans 7:21, 24-25*

## What's Happening Now . .

July 6th through 12th - Pastor Allen with ICYF Assembly.

July 6th through 30 - Anthony Wayne Services Summer Programeach week day in Fellowship Hall.

July 11th - Dr. Art Vermillion preaching for both worship services.

July 13th - Administrative Board Meeting - 6:30 pm

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July 17th - Sherwood to Pettit Bicycle Parade - FCC Parking Lot - 9:00 an to 12 noon.

July 18th - New Sunday School class begins - See details this issue of Tidings.

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Andy Evans

We would like to thank everyone for your care, concern and prayers during these long months with Andy. All of your prayers were greatly appreciated and we know a big reason we were able to make it through those difficult days.

Also thank you to those people who provide us with some much needed food after the accident and again after his surgery. We are so thankful to God for taking care of Andy and for giving him this second chance.

Rick and Robin Evans

## UPDATE

Due to the love, caring and generosity of members from First Christian Church Pastor Allen presented Wayne and Laura Whitworth with a check in the amount of $2,533.00.

We will continue to give updates on Wayne's condition as we hear from them. Wayne's treatments began Wednesday, July 7th.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*New Sunday School Class*

On July 18th, a new Sunday school class will begin meeting. We are targeting people ages 20 to 40, but everyone is welcome. At that time, we will be selecting a name and deciding types of things that we will study. Judy church will be presenting some options to us to help us decide on study material. We hope to have a large turn out on Sunday July 18th at 9:30 am in the library.

*What You Love to Sing*

Come one, Come all to the "People's Choice Awards" to be held between first and second service on August 22, 1999. This is your opportunity to have a vote in what praise hymns will be put into the new Praise Song Book. Phyllis and Janice will present over 50 praise hymns for your listening and voting pleasure. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to tell us "what you love to sing."

*CONGRATULATIONS*

Sara Davis is now Co-President elect of the Ft. Wayne Philharmonic Volunteers. In 2000-2001 she will assume full responsibility with her Co-President. She is also serving on the Board of the Philharmonic. In years past she has served as Vice-President of Education for the volunteers and been very active with the young peoples concerts. Sara, we appreciate your work for the arts in our city!

*CONGRATULATIONS* to Grady, Dawn and Big Sister Whitney Vanderwall on the arrival of Samantha Kristine (Earlier information announced this little one's name as Amantha which was incorrect.) Samantha was born on June 29th, at 2:29 am and weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz and is 19 inches long. Welcome little one!!!

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PAGE 6 - Add Ilene Blauvelt 4930 Farington Drive Apt 216 FW 46825. Telephone number 484 - 8632.

PAGE 13 - Reba Fusselman new address - 7515 Winchester Road - Apt 3??? - FW 46819. Kept same telephone number.

PAGE 15 - Use FW address for Ed and Rosalie Hall.

PAGE 24 - Mildred Meese new address - 7515 Winchester Road - Apt 210 - FW 46819. New telephone number 747 - 4871.

PAGE 25 - Bernice Montgomery new address - Regency - 6006 Brandy Chase Cove - Room 110 FW 46815

PAGE 27 - John and Kris Ohneck - new telephone number - 447 - 2533.

PAGE 33 - Change Deb Schuricht to Deb Lehman - new address 414 E. Paulding - Apt 1 - FW 46816, Kept same telephone number. Web address is DebLehman@webtv.net

PAGE 35 - Add - Robert and Jill Sturckholtz 5416 Beaver Avenue FW 46807

PAGE 36 - Art & Marge Thomas new address. 21E 1050N Lot 63 Rome City IN 46784-9747.

*CORRECTION:*

Pictorial Directory lists incorrect telephone number for Charlie and Teresa Hatten. Please make change. Correct number is 447 - 2649.

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Diane Mory - Knee Surgery

Wilma Miller - At Home Kathlyn Banet

Nancy Smith - Cancer

Gladys Harshbarger - At Home

Ruth Truesdell - At Home

Andy Evans - Recovering

Barb Rumpel - Awaiting Transplant

Wilbur Snook - At Home

Bob Mitchell Marge Mitchell

Andy Cook Carl Shafer

Heather Luther (Friend of Becky Krull)

Wayne & Laura Whitworth - Rochester, MN

Mildred Widmer - Becca's Mother in law - 85 years old - St. Joseph Medical Center

Melissa Brey - Broken Ankle

## SERVING ON JULY 11

*ELDERS*

8:15 am

Marlo Qick, Marlene Crouse

10:15 am

Becca Wilmer, Charlie Hatten

*IACONATE*

8:15 am

Linda leck, Christi Deck,
Roger Moll, Holly Mathis

10:45 am

Evelyn leoman, Nora Allen,
Orie McDogle, Marilyn McDougle

*COMMUION PREPARATION*

Betty Grimm linda Stover, Diane Bohlen

## SERVING JULY 18TH.

*ELDERS*

8:15 am

Barb Hayes, Ann Moll

10:45 am

Ron Wise, Larry Brey

*DIACONATE*

8:15 AM

Roger Moll, Julia Arnold,
Betty Grimm, John Bohlen

10:45 am

Shari Grier, David Brooks, Larry Stover, Ray Stov

*COMMUNION PREPARATION*

July 18 and 25

Sally Rudy, Julia Arnold, Kristian Scott

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## the feeder again . . .

robin dances away from the sprinkler for the
ne, empty beaked again. It's July and it feels
ere isn't enough water in the lake to quench
rst. The poor Robin hasn't had a gussy worm
late May. The sparrows even slow down
h for an extra gulp from the fresh water near
eeder. It's murderous hot. Hotter
...Texas in July.....

decided the ICYF needed to build a house in
, in July? What genius thought up that one?
ould think of, as I arrived, was the hazzards
00 teens pouring over the foundation of a
like butter pecan ice-cream on the parking lot
art. Fortunately for all of us, someone did
he foresight to only schedule a few at a time.
crew boss for the 10 a.m. shift.

u know what a crew boss does? Well, all I
y is, I'm glad I had "duck and cover" training
n the 50's. With too many helping hands and
w experienced workers, it became painfully
hat my sole responsibilities as "Crew Boss"
be condensed into a simple formula: keep all
s and toes attached and in functional order, to
ttle ones in my charge. Of much less
tance was the actual building of the house.

ng inside the framework as it went up was an experience I'll never forget as long as I live. Within ½ hour all four wall was standing with sheathing, windows and doors at rough openings. It was amazing. When the sheathing was being applied it sounded like machine gun fire. As I left for the bus ride back to the conference a just four hours into construction on the first day, I helped hand up the last of the roof trusses. That house literally exploded off the ground.

However, despite the mass hysteria and the onslaught of teens on an innocent Fort Worth neighborhood, we actually did accomplish our goal. A pretty little 3 bedroom ranch now stands on Hattie Street in Fort Worth, Texas. And, if it could stand all those wild teens pounding and slapping, whacking and bashing.....I think it will stand for a very long time.

Sort of reminds me of the disciples following Jesus.....experience didn't count....all that mattered was important for them was to provide a little initiative.....experience was part of the mission. They'd pick it up as they went along.

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Sort of reminds me of my own ministry.

Feeding on the love of Christ, and praying for my Robins,

Neil

*"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Oh how much more value are you than the birds!"* (Luke 1222b-24)

## Neil's ICYF Trip Notes:

Wow, 1,100 youth and Sponsors at TCU, the Texas Christian University campus. We had 3 dorms filled with kids. The church that hosted us was University Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the third largest church in our denomination. The General Board of the whole denomination also met us there. 20 hour drive (one way)! Whew, glad we made it there and back in one piece.

We built a house in 3 days from the foundation to the shingles to the carpet to the kitchen sink. This was given on our last day to a person trying to get back on her feet. She had been a drug addict, and now had a new life. She was fantastic. We just happened to be there when she turned the key in the door. Wow, what an exciting event.

We also had special interest groups - mine was on peace and reconciliation ministrie learned about racism and resistance in hi and talked about what we could do i present. Major learning: when resis increases racism increases too (sort of a sy trying to maintain homeostasis.). Also le that if the resistance (the non-violent ty sustained things get changed.

Also had a family group that met every These were all adult sponsors. Had a grea learning about the other adults there. Ma volunteering to lead their youth groups an given a week of their vacation to be there

Worship, programs, entertainment leadership were all done by the y themselves. Two of my campers I had j few years ago were part of the leadership. camper I had just two years ago in Jr. camp was the president of the whole ever

Had breakfast with Dick Hamm on Satu morning. Dick sends his love, althoug sounded like a summer cold had settle Hope he made it through the wedding wi a major health failure. By the way, the Ge Board approved Dick for his re-electio October.

We also stopped in Oklahoma City and to the bomb site and memorials. They building a major memorial there, but the f around the place was interestingly deco with different expressions of sorrow memory. It (the fence) is a national sh Cars still stream by the location day and n

also met with some of the youth that were
g in the city when the bomb went off. It
an awesome explosion. One kid said all
hingles blew off their house. They live ½
away.

ther kid said he needed surgery to remove
glass from his broken hand. He and his
er were in a car, just three blocks away. If
had been just a few minutes earlier they
d have been in the building.

CYF event occurs every four years, just as
the Men's, and Women's events. Leaders
ct that we will have 2,000 youth at the
ral Assembly in October. It could go even
r after this event. The ICYF is currently
ird largest gathering of Disciples.

of the guest speakers at the event was a
h minister from Littleton Colorado. He
the girl that had purchased the guns. She
him first thing when the police came to
ion her, and has stayed with her ever since.
is deeply remorseful, and was totally
ised that the two boys did such an injustice
the weapons. He told of the pain the
community and he himself had
gone.

atie Moll and her wonderful pictures of
ent or visit WWW.disciples.org on the
ook under ICYF event link from that
Click on pictures and descriptions of
activities for a recounting of the event.

## *What's happening now . .*

July 6th through 30 - Anthony Wayne Services Summer Program each week day in Fellowship Hall.

July 21st - Third Wednesday Worship - Bring a dish to share - 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

July 25th - 4PM SHARP!! Youth Event. Meet at FCC - then be transported to location for swimming party.

July 27th - Christian Education Meeting - 7 pm We will evaluate the 1998-1999 years. Will meet in Fellowship Hall.

July 29th - Outreach Ministry Meeting - 7 pm

## *Looking toward the future. . .*

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November 14 - Area Assembly - at First Christian Church of Ft Wayne.

November 21 - 2,000 Christians to Cele 2,000th Birthday of Jesus Christ at Gran Wayne Center - 3-4:30 pm.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your prayers, your though and your cards. I'm getting well. God i good!

Love, Diane Mor

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Dear Members and Friends

On behalf of the entire staff of th Center for Nonviolence and the women, youth and men we serve, I want to expre our heartfelt appreciation for your recent financial gift of $250.

It is because of support like yours that we are able to continue to teach the ways of nonviolence in our community. We believe helping women and men end the violence within their homes - and then supporting them as they create a safe and nurturing home for themselves and their children - is one of the greatest gifts we can give to our community.

Again, please accept my thanks on behalf of all those we serve.

Deb Davis, Development Coordinator
Center for Nonviolence
Ft Wayne IN

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Dear Friends

I am deeply touched by the caring you have shown us with your July gift. Our needs are great this month. A few years ago, the number of men we housed during the summer was much lower than in other times of the year. This month, we have a record number of men working hard in our Intensive (90 day) and Overcomers (6-12 months) Program. Why? Because they are sick of being homeless, lonely and hungry and they realize if they work hard while with us the Lord will give them everything they need to be successful once they leave. That is the word that is out on the street and it has filled our program beds – Praise the Lord!

As I write, this nice group of men have gathered in the evening sunshine to talk about the events of the day. New friendships are being formed on our patio and old ones deepened. Just last week some of these men were on the street wondering where they were going to sleep that night. Today, they are talking with each other about jobs they hope to get when they finish our program an how this will help them get their families back.

Thank you for the part you play in making these life changing transformations possible.

Pastor Dave Humphreys
Ft Wayne Rescue Mission

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A tremendous THANK YOU goes to:

Lois Finkhousen,
Tammy Deck,
Katie Moll,
Jessica McBride and
Curtis McBride

for coming to the rescue of FCC during the week of Vacation Bible School.

They came in each day and took excellent card of the church while Sandy was on vacation. Thank you each and every one. We couldn't have gotten through VBS weel without you.

George Bruckman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr and Mrs Richard (Stephanie) Manter and big sister Circe, are very pleased to announce the arrival of Weston Eric Manter, born Friday, July 16th. Weston weighed in at 8 pounds and is 21 inches long. Welcome little one!

CORRECTION - Whoops!!!

Walk to Bethlehem 1999 information printed incorrectly in the Sunday Bulletins on July 18th.

The correct information is:

Saturday and Sunday
December 10 and 11
Nativity Display Only
2 - 4 pm
both days

WITH

Walk to Bethlehem and
Nativity Display
Saturday and Sunday
December 10 and 11
6:30 to 8:30 pm

*Sort it and Box it Party*

Associated Churches Food Bank system needs your help.

The annual Letter Carriers Food Collection took place on Saturday, May 8th. Each year the food collected is donated to the Food Bank System. This year we received over 278,068 pounds of food!!

We will be scheduling groups, families ar individuals to sort and pack food through the summer (until we catch up). The best time is in the morning - 8 am to noon. Monday through Saturday.

Call Associated Churches to schedule a ti when you and your family and friends wo be willing to help with the project.

Contact Ellen Graham at 422-3528.

*New Sunday School Class*

On July 18th, a new Sunday school class began. We are targeting people ages 20 t 40, but everyone is welcome. Watch upcoming Tidings for additional informat regarding this new class.

*What You Love to Sing*

Come one, Come all to the "People's Ch Awards" to be held between first and sec service on August 22, 1999. This is your opportunity to have a vote in what praise hymns will be put into the new Praise So Book. Phyllis and Janice will present ov 50 praise hymns for your listening and vo pleasure. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to tell us "what you love to s

*T.W.W.*

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be back at FCC on Wednesday, October
1999. (We will leave Cincinnati after
akfast)

ase call the church office (744-3239) right
ay if you plan to go in the van. *Seating is*
*y limited.* It will be first come first
ved.

M.A. - *AND any one interested!!!*
gust 3rd - Meeting at FCC at 12 noon and
pooling to "Darlin' Clementine's" in
lan for lunch.

owing are directions if you do not wish to
pool. Lunch will be at 1 pm.

e Hwy 37 to Harlan. At Blinking caution
in Harlan, turn left. Darlin'
nentine's is across from the bank and
to the Post Office.

yone is invited. Not just D.M.A.
OD FOOD! REASONABLE PRICES!
S OF FUN!

u are planning to go to Harlan, please
essie Fern Woodward at 745-7475. We
to give the restaurant as accurate a head
t as possible.

'T FORGET AUGUST 3RD.

*Piano Lessons*

Piano lessons are available here at FCC by Phyllis Lahr. Call 219/758-3154 for appointment and additional information.

Cost at FCC: Non-member $12.00
FCC member $10.00

at Phyllis' home in Markle $7.00. Prices are for ½ hour lessons.

*Changes*

Due to many changes over the past several years, we find it necessary to re-issue offering envelope numbers. Beginning with the year 2000, you may be receiving a new number.

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PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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|---|---|
| Millers Merry Manor | Garland Flickinger |
| Ossian Health Care | Dorothy Green |
| Regency Place of FW | Bernice Montgomery |
| Renaissance Village | Kathlyn Banet |
| Riverbend | Lou Simmons |
| St Anne's Nursing Home | Ressie Ehresman |
| Townhouse Health Ctr | Lola Miller |
| Lucille Branstrator | 747 - 5691 |
| Andy Cook | 637 - 5736 |
| Virginia Englehart | 423 - 4632 |
| Gladys Harshbarger | 483 - 2392 |
| Helen Jordan | 432 - 1848 |
| Virginia Pfluger | 489 - 6148 |
| Ethel Richhart | 422 - 7959 |
| Lila Russell | 483 - 8272 |
| Coleen Wilcoxson | 456 - 8138 |
| Charles Wrisk | 456 - 7223 |

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS and LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bissette and Kennedy Families
World Peace
Lou Simmons - Diane Mory's mother at Riverbend
Kathlyn Banet
Melissa Brey - Broken Ankle
Andy Cook
Christi Deck - Back Problems
Andy Evans - Recovering
Gladys Harshbarger - At Home
Bill Johnson - Surgery July 22nd.
Bill Kerley
Betty Lanning - Cancer (Sister of Sue Brickley)
Heather Luther (Friend of Becky Krull)
Jean McGrew - At Home
Lola Miller - Stroke
Wilma Miller - At Home
Bob Mitchell Marge Mitchell
Barb Rumpel - Awaiting Transplant
Carl Shafer
Nancy Smith - Cancer
Wilbur Snook - At Home
Ruth Truesdell - At Home
Whitney Vanderwall - 4- yrs old - Broken Leg
Wayne & Laura Whitworth - Rochester, MN
Mildred Widmer - Becca's Mother in law - 85 years old - St. Joseph Medical Center

BUILDING ON FAITH

September 11 - 18, 1999

PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

Ft Wayne Habitat for Humanity wants to join the nationwide celebration of faith when hundreds of homes will be built across the country. (See Pastor Allen's letter following the Feeder this issue) As many homes as are funded in our community can be built that we We need to raise $48,000 per house in dollars in-kind donations of labor and construction materials.

Please send your monetary donations to:
Ft Wayne Habitat for Humanity
602 East Wayne Street
Ft Wayne IN 46802

For material and labor donations or more information contact:
Betsy J. Keisler
Construction coordinator
219/483 - 2142

C.L.E.A.R. DAY 1999

Congregational Leaders Education and Renew

SEPTEMBER 25, 1999
Registration begins at 8:45 am
Christian Theological Seminary
1000 W. 42nd Street
Indianapolis

3:00 pm - Closing worship and Installation of newest Associate Regional Minister, Carolyn Casey Reed - Sweeney Chapel.

ere will be a reception following the
tallation in the Common Room.

a schedule of, additional information and
istration contact church office - 744-3239.

st:
ult: $20.00 (By Sept. 13)
e Registration
$22.00 (After Sept. 13)
ld: 3rd grade through high school -
A Taste of Camp $10.00
ld Care: 2nd grade and younger ONLY -
$ 5.00
ximum Family Cost: $50.00

***Registrations by telephone.***

## *HRISTIAN CHURCH OF INDIANA ERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTS*

Christian Church foundation and
Christian Church of Indiana will
nsor an event this fall for Certified
lic Accountants who are members
ne Christian Church (Disciples of
ist).

ne day training program called
paring for the Great Wealth
sfer" (CPAs and the Church in
nership), to share ways
untants can help their clients see
enefits of charitable giving in
e planning. CPAs around the
n have been requesting
information on this topic. We are hoping Disciples who are CPAs will find this program useful in working with their clients, some of whom may be members of your congregation, who have charitable intentions.

The keynote presenter will be Brad Galbraith, an Indianapolis CPA and estate-planning attorney who is a lifelong member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He is experienced in leading these types of seminars for CPAs, and thus we will be able to offer CPAs eight continuing professional education credits–something else CPAs are always seeking.

If you are interested in attending this one-day training program, please contact the church office (744-3239). A count of interested CPAs must be turned in by August 1.

## SERVING ON JULY 25

*ELDERS*

8:15 am

Anne Moll, Kathy Cron

10:15 am

Judy Church, Jean McGrew

*DIACONATE*

8:15 am

Eve Gorman, Diane Bohlen, Kristian Scott, Evelyn Yeoman

10:45 am

Sue Brey, Linda Deck, Christi Deck, Linda Stover

*COMMUNION PREPARATION*

Sally Rudy, Julia Arnold, Kristian Scott

## SERVING AUGUST 1

*ELDERS*

8:15 am

Marlene Crouse, Marlo Quick

10:45 am

John Ohneck, Larry Brey

*DIACONATE*

8:15 AM

See Sunday Bulletin July 25th

10:45 am

See Sunday Bulletin July 25th.

*COMMUNION PREPARATION*

See Sunday Bulletin July 25th.

*HOMEBOUND COMMUNION*

Becca Widmer, Diane Bohlen, Charlie Hatten, Holly Mathis, Dick Mey, Katie Moll

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## t the feeder again . . .

quiet street past the church erupted with ds and people. Secret Service agents med the block. New York police walked d down with their hands at their sides or d their backs in that slow confident pace omes from years of dealing with trauma. s the funeral service of John Kennedy Jr is wife..

tunned, staring at the TV in a trance-like as did the nation. Why did this family again? What kind of justice is this? I one through all the emotions, suffering gh the "search and rescue", the "search ecovery" with a faint hope that a raft l float up to some quiet cove with a ome young man and woman, wounded but t...a hand raised to signal awaiting al personnel. It never came. It was an ized dream.....and so I sat....as did most of lued to the tube....knowing what I tried think about was true.

not to watch. I honestly tried...but there gain on the day of the funeral...sitting on oman with my hand on my chin thinking deeply about where hope would fly next...on who's shoulder would she land?

Just about that time a sparrow shot out of the trees and flew directly at the camera, as if fleeing this madness....as if to say....I can't take anymore....as if looking for peace....the announcers mumbled on about how they had witnessed this family go through storms like this before.... mumble, mumble....I couldn't hear them any longer. I waited and waited for that sparrow to come back. It didn't. It's as if it flew right into the other side of the TV, where hope was dying as quickly as a cut flower on a hot sidewalk. That sparrow flew right into my heart. I got up. Turned off the TV, and remembered something I heard down in Barnwell, South Carolina a few years ago.

The church we went to rebuild had been burned by an arsonist. The congregation was African American, and the crime done against them was racially motivated. I went to join them rebuild, because I couldn't stand to watch this non-sense continue without responding to it. Rev. Ruth, the pastor there told me about how they felt when the fire destroyed their spiritual home. Some wanted to build there, others wanted to build closer to the people. One elderly lady

said, "All of my family is buried here. I can't leave them." Another said, "Honey, they're dead...we've got to go where the people are living." Rev. Ruth said it was still a sore subject, but he knew the second lady was right. So the new Rosemary Baptist Church stands nearer to Barnwell, S.C. than it did a few years ago.

It's hard to move on after a loss. Our nation is starting to learn just how hard it is. We grieve for the Kennedy family. But I saw a sparrow fly straight at me...and I took it as a sign from God. Hope is busy looking for a home. Hope said to me...."Get up Honey, we've got to go where the people are living."

Feeding on the love of Christ,

Neil

*"Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." Romans 8:24b-25*

## What's Happening Now . . .

August 3rd - Elders Meeting - 7:00 pm.

August 5th - through 12th - Pastor Allen on vacation!

August 8th - Reverend Patricia Mullen preaching both services.
August 10th - Administrative Board Meeting - 6:30 pm.

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August 12th - Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 p singing on the 15th. Regular practice begi 19th.

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August 15th - Congregational Meeting 10 am. *See article this Tidings for very important information.*

August 16th - Personnel Ministry Meetin 7:00 pm.

August 17th - Walk to Bethlehem Meetin 7:00 pm.

August 18th - T.W.W. - Don't miss this o 6-7:30 pm. Bring a dish to pass for dinn

August 19th - Stewardship Ministry Tean Meeting - 7:00 pm.

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August 22nd - People's Choice Awards - article this issue of Tidings. Don't be lef Plan now to attend - 9:30 am!!!

## ooking toward the future. .

gust 23-27 - FCC Secretary on vacation. fice open.

gust 23rd - Christian Education Ministry am Meeting - 7:00 pm.

gust 24th - Worship Ministry Team eting - 7:00 pm.

gust 25th - Outreach Ministry Team eting - 7:00 pm.

gust 28th - United Way Day of Caring.

gust 29th - George Bruckman begins ation.

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September 6th - FCC office closed for Labor Day.

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September 19th - VBS Reunion Choir.

September 21st - Indiana Disciples of Christ and Roman Catholics. Celebrate Local Ecumenical Dialogue. Joint worship service at 7:00 pm followed by a reception. St Thomas Aquinas Church, Indianapolis.

September 22nd - Outreach Ministry Team Meeting - 7:00 pm.

September 25th - C.L.E.A.R. Day - More information in upcoming Tidings.

October 8th - 12th - General Assembly - Cincinnati, OH - Call FCC office for van seating.

October 10th - 2 pm - Franke Park - The CROP Walk.

October 12th - Disciples Men's Luncheon - 12:15 pm - Omni Netherland Plaza, Hall of Mirrors. Tickets may be purchased at the General Assembly or contact 1/888/346-2631 Ext. 353 or 320.

November 1st - 14th - Hurricane Mitch Relief Effort - Honduras Mission Trip.
Contact Rev. Jim Hollis 317/241-8870 for additional information. Looking for adults with medical backgrounds and /or adults interested and capable of doing manual labor.

November 5th & 6th - Spiritual Retreat for Indiana Women - Beech Grove IN.
"Practicing Our Faith".

November 14th - Area Assembly - at First Christian Church of Ft Wayne.

July 10th - 24th, 2000 - Youth Mission Honduras. Youths having completed g 9-11 by June of 2000. Cost: $1,490.00 includes transportation, room and boar Contact Jim Hollis 317/291 - 7871 to f more.

October 13th - 15th, 2000. Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in In FCC Richmond, Indiana.

November 21, 2000 - Christians to Ce 2,000th Birthday of Jesus Christ at Gra Wayne Center - 3-4:30 pm.

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THANK YOU

Dear First Christian

A heart felt thank you to Pastor Neil fo visits and ministrations during my rece surgery.

Thank you to all the congregation for y prayers, cards and visits.

Reports to date are encouraging and I'm expecting to be out and about in a cou weeks.

Love to all,
Bill Johnson

## PDATE

hanks to the continued generosity of our CC congregation, we were able to send other check to Wayne and Laura hitworth. This one in the amount of 95.00.

ayne has had his first surgery, and is healing d recovering. When he is feeling better, a cond surgery will be scheduled.

test results have been received as of yet. ura will keep us posted as she is advised.

ease don't forget them. They are lonesome d homesick.

## NNOUNCEMENTS

*e following letter was received on July 25th:*

ar friends at FCC,

etings to you in the Name of our Lord us Christ, Who is God's gift to us by His ce and mercy. His leading brought me to a tionship with you that has nurtured me and ped me grow. We have walked together in owing our Lord, and I love you dearly.

warmth I feel for you makes it hard for to tell you what I must tell you now: I e accepted an organist position with ther church. Why would I do that, being py with my relationship here? I am ced by the organ. It has broader abilities. The location is a drawback–it is in Warsaw–but the pay is enough to make the drive feasible for me.

My last Sunday at first Christian will be September 5th. If you find my replacement prior to that time and that person desires to begin earlier than my cutoff date, I will accep those terms.

Thank you for the joy of serving you at the piano and organ for, I believe, about six years May God richly grace you with His presence and peace and power.

In Christ,
Phyllis Lahr

## *CONGRATULATIONS*

Congratulations to proud parents, Eric and Heather Krull, and big brother Riley Erickson Krull, in the birth of Hannah Elizabeth Krull on July 21, 1999. Hannah arrived at 6:03 am and weighed 7 lbs. And 10 oz.

Very proud grandparents are Mark and Rosemary Krull, who we are sure will be assisting Aunt Becky and Cousin Lauren, in the spoiling process of the new little ones life. Welcome little one!

*T.W.W.*

Third Wednesday Worship just keeps getting better and better. Your opportunity to take part will come again on August 18th. Carry-in dinner, wonderful fellowship, joyous worship. Don't be left out!

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 PM

*General Assembly*

Arrangements have been made for rental of a van for the entire time of General Assembly. We will leave at 10:00 am on Friday, October 8th. (We will stop for lunch on the way) Plan to be back at FCC on Wednesday, October 13, 1999. (We will leave Cincinnati after breakfast)

Please call the church office (744-3239) right away if you plan to go in the van. *Seating is very limited.* It will be first come first served.

D.M.A.

The D.M.A. "Jug" project is getting heavier and heavier. Keep up the good work, by donating your extra change on the first Sunday of each month. Let's make the "Jug" so heavy we will have to scoot it into the sanctuary - because it will be too heavy to carry.

*Changes*

Due to many changes over the past several years, we find it necessary to re-issue offering envelope numbers. Beginning with the year 2000, you may be receiving a new number.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The congregational meeting will be held on August 15, 1999 at 10:45 am. This congregational meeting is being called to honor Dr. Richard Hamm our General Minister and President on the eve of his reelection.

The events of the day will be as follows:

8:15 am - Dr. Hamm will receive a calling from the board as Honored Ministe He is slated to speak for about 10 minutes.

9:30 am - Coffee Hour with Dick

10:45 am - Called Congregational Meeting (first order of business). Should take a few minutes. Worship will follow I Hamm's remarks as he receives the congregational call as Honored Minister.

12:00 noon - Carry-in lunch with Dr. Hamm.

Don't miss the opportunity!

After hearing themes reminiscent of earlie pleas for spirituality, community and justi the General Board unanimously endorsed General Minister and President Richard L Hamm for a second six-year term.

Dr Hamm received 100 favorable votes, n opposing votes and one abstention in a Ju 11th secret ballot.

General Assembly will take final action
s reelection when it convenes October 8-
Cincinnati.

*BAL MINISTRIES*

ding a Future for Themselves

Daniel and Sandra Gourdet serve in
wayo, Zimbabwe. Daniel is
elopment Officer involved with
munity and church projects–food
uction and distribution, cattle and poultry
ng and income generating projects.

lra works with the Women's Desk for the
ed Congregational church of Southern
ca (UCCSA), Zimbabwe Synod. They
n work together since most community
elopment programs are organized by
nen. They write of the problems the
ntry faces–salaries eroding in value, AIDS,
aria, fear of cholera from Mozambique,
estic violence. The problems are
whelming and beyond the ability of the
ch alone to change, but they write, "The
CSA recognizes her responsibility of being
olved in a holistic ministry. If the
munity suffers, the church suffers as well.
are grateful to be part of this church as it
s to witness to the community."

cribing what development means to them,
write, "We don't see developments as
projects. It is about building relationships
building people so that they can build a
re for themselves. It is about building
's strength and viability, like a plant from
roots upward. It is a journey that never
ends, but rather, it is like a spring from which water continuously flows."

"Garden projects at Inyathi and Hope fountain (The oldest missions in the entire country) provide a valuable source of income for the church as well as providing employment for several persons. A welding workshop, a bakery, tailoring shop, soap making enterprise, crafts and basketry exports, a catering service are all projects initiated by UCCSA, which are now empowering people, enabling them to take control of their lives."

Global Ministries
August, 1999

*Erin's House*

1999 Peer Group Facilitator Training Schedule

Erin's House for Grieving Children is a not-for-profit organization that provides peer support services to promote healing and recovery of children and teens affected by death. Located in Ft Wayne, Erin's House is seeking volunteers to serve as peer support group facilitators for children, teens, and their families who have experienced the death of an important person in their lives. Our Central City site in particular is seeking African American volunteers.

No prior experience is necessary. We provide 30 hours of comprehensive training covering the tools and techniques used to facilitate the peer support groups.

We need your help. Our facilitator training schedule for the remainder of 1999 is as follows:

*August*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Friday | August 13 - | 5:30pm - 9:30 pm |
| Saturday | August 14 - | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| Thursday | August 19 - | 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm |
| Friday | August 20 - | 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm |
| Saturday | August 21 - | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |

*September*

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| Wednesday | Sept 8 | 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm |
| Monday | Sept 13 | 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm |
| Wednesday | Sept 15 | 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm |
| Monday | Sept 20 | 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm |
| Wednesday | Sept 22 | 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm |
| Monday | Sept 27 | 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm |
| Wednesday | Sept 29 | 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm |

*October*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Friday | Oct 22 | 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm |
| Saturday | Oct 23 | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| Monday | Oct 25 | 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm |
| Friday | Oct 29 | 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm |
| Saturday | Oct 30 | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |

Please contact Liz or Cherise at 423-2466 to schedule your training and for additional information.

## *PARENTS NOTE!*

On August 15th the children who norma to their own worship will be staying in t sanctuary in honor of our General Minis and President, Dr. Richard Hamm.

The nursery will be open for the little on

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*Disciples of Christ Projects (allocations*

Churches in Mission, Transition Redevelopment ($450,000)

Camp Capital Improvements at B ($225,000); Bedford ($250,000)

Ministerial Salary Assistance Endowment ($150,000)

New Church Starts ($300,000)

Indiana Women's Endowment Fu ($25,000)

Other Disciples Ministries

New Church Establishment ($100,000)
Eureka College ($150,000)
Christian Theological Seminary ($50,000)

Division of Overseas Ministries Projects in Nepal and Honduras

Nepal ($100,000)
Honduras ($100,000)

Disciples Relief and Assistance
($50,000)

ow You Can Participate

Gifts of Cash
Gifts of Capital Assets
Gifts of Life Insurance
Closely Held Corporations

ease Contact Campaign Director, Les
albrath, or Regional Minister C. Edward
eisheimer at 317/926-6051 for additional
formation.

## "In Your Face"

October 8-12, 1999
General Assembly
Youth Event
Cincinnati, Ohio

Nightly Aftersessions
featuring
Concerts & Dances
Express Yourself Events
Global Ministries Connections
College Connections

Youth Issue Forums and
Interest Groups
Youth Service Projects and Worship
Youth Leadership Opportunities
Chi Rho 50th Anniversary
Celebration
Come for the full event or for the
weekend only.

## "Building on Faith"

September 11 - 18, 1999

PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

Ft Wayne Habitat for Humanity wants to join in the nationwide celebration of faith when hundreds of homes will be built across the country. As many homes as are funded in our community can be built that week. We need to raise $48,000.00 per house in dollars or in-kind donations of labor and construction materials.

You may send monetary donation to:
Ft Wayne Habitat for Humanity
602 E. Wayne Street
FW 46802
or
Material and labor donations contact:
Betsy J. Keisler
Construction Coordinator
219/483-2142

## YME 2000

## Eureka college
## Eureka Il
## July 5-9, 2000

YME, the Disciples Youth Ministry Event, is the churchwide leadership training event for CYF age (completed grades 9-12) and adult youth leaders.

## PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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| Millers Merry Manor | Garland Flickinger |
| Ossian Health Care | Dorothy Green |
| Regency Place of FW | Bernice Montgomery |
| Renaissance Village | Kathlyn Banet |
| Riverbend | Lou Simmons |
| St Anne's Nursing Home | Ressie Ehresman |
| Townhouse Health Ctr | Lola Miller |
| Lucille Branstrator | 747 - 5691 |
| Andy Cook | 637 - 5736 |
| Virginia Englehart | 423 - 4632 |
| Gladys Harshbarger | 483 - 2392 |
| Helen Jordan | 432 - 1848 |
| Virginia Pfluger | 489 - 6148 |
| Ethel Richhart | 422 - 7959 |
| Lila Russell | 483 - 8272 |
| Coleen Wilcoxson | 456 - 8138 |
| Charles Wrisk | 456 - 7223 |

## PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kathlyn Banet
Katie Baker - 16 years old - Cancer
( Friend of Marlo Quick)
Andy Cook
Christi Deck - Back Problems
Andy Evans - Recovering
Gladys Harshbarger - At Home
Bobby Herschbarger - Motorcycle Acci
(Friend of Christina Parker)
Bill Johnson - At Home
Betty Lanning - Cancer
(Sister to Sue Brickley)
Jean McGrew - At Home
Lola Miller
Wilma Miller- At Home
Barb Rumpel - Awaiting Transplan
Lou Simmons - Diane Mory's Mothe
Riverbend
Wilbur Snook
Ruth Truesdell - At Home
Whitney Vanderwall Broken Leg - 41/
old
Laura York - Eye Surgery August 8
Wayne and Laura Whitworth
Mildred Widmer - Becca's Mother-in-l
St Joseph Medical Center - Room 48

# AUGUST 15TH

# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 10:45 AM

Don't miss this opportunity
to hear, see and visit with
our General Minister
and
President
Dr. Richard Hamm

Dr Hamm will speak at
both worship services.

Carry-in luncheon at 12 Noon

## SERVING ON AUGUST 8

*ELDERS*

8:15 am

Anne Moll, Becca Widmer

10:15 am

Dick Mey, Ron Wise

*DIACONATE*

8:15 am

Roger Moll, Julia Arnold,
Betty Grimm, Ray Stover

10:45 am

Holly Mathis, Katie Moll,
Evelyn Yeoman, Nora Allen

*COMMUNION PREPARATION*

Linda Deck, Christi Deck, Sue Brickley
(August 8 and 15)

## SERVING AUGUST 15

*ELDERS*

8:15 am

Kathy Cron, Marlo Quick

10:45 am

Charlie Hatten, Jean McGrew

*DIACONATE*

8:15 AM

Orie McDougle, Marilyn McDougle,
Eve Gorman, David Brooks

10:45 am

Shari Grier, Lori Vandergriff, Diane Bohlen,
Kristian Scott, Linda Deck, Christi Deck,
Greg Baitz, Ginny Baitz

*COMMUNION PREPARATION*

Linda Deck, Christi Deck, Sue Brickley

## *HOMEBOUND COMMUNION*

Marlene Crouse, Nora Allen, Anne Moll
Ray Stover, Teresa Hatten, Roger Moll,
Judy Church, Evelyn Yeoman

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## t the feeder again . . .

rds have been an important part of my e since I was very young. Chickens menaded through our yard with that dy-head two step walk they do. arrows exploded out of bushes in ss when I turned a corner (I probably errupted some kind of secretive gious services). Red-eyed Verios e me the red-eyed once over from the walnut tree. And, how can I forget ch, the talking parakeet, whose cage od in the corner and who could be rd to exclaim "Go to bed" every nt when its little cover went on? ch was a cool bird.

gave me a kiss on the lips, came to a o of my fingers, and sang with Mitch ler (that's where he got his name) y Friday night. Mitch was a happy , except when one reached in a hand nange the paper on the bottom. One he thought he would land on my er's bald head, but came in a little fast. The poor thing skidded off the end of my dad's head like you see VWII aircraft carrier footage where plane collides with the tower. I laughed really hard every time I thought of my father's head like an aircraft carrier. Then, I went bald myself. I fail to see the humor in it any longer.

Mitch was the greatest. I loved him, and he trusted me. He also loved and trusted my sister's parakeet when he would come to visit. They would talk together, sing and fight.....in fact, they fought a great deal....Mitch got the worse end of it. The other bird would literally jump on his back...never thought too much about it until a few weeks later when Mitch dropped an egg onto the floor of ~~his~~ her cage. Mitch was really Michelle, which made me feel better about kissing him/her on the lips/beak, but totally surprised me.

Can't say I've ever been so astonished or radically altered in thinking about anybody or anything as that moment. Had to change my vocabulary to a more inclusive language when I spoke of her from that point. I could never look at her again without thinking about how shocked I was to realize she had talents and abilities I'd never imagined. (Men take note.)

Since then I've witnessed many such transitions of my orientation towards people and events. God works miracles through people that I thought were hopelessly lost in sin. God redeems events, nations, systems....it is amazing to witness these shifts....even more amazing when we recognize these shifts happening in our own lives.

God calls leaders, blesses them, empowers and encourages them. Amazingly, God will even redeem the most outcast individuals into leaders of faithfulness. Paul comes to mind. Peter, the denying fearful one, comes to mind....and so do some of you.

Looking for a few new leaders, awaiting to be amazed again, and.....

Feeding on the love of Christ,

Neil

## *What's Happening Now . . .*

August 19th - Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting - 7:00 pm.

August 19th - Adult Choir Practice 7 pm

August 22nd - People's Choice Awards - See article this issue of Tidings. Don't be left out. Plan now to attend - 9:30 am!!!



August 23-27 - FCC Secretary on vacation. Office open.

August 23rd - Christian Education Ministry Team Meeting - 7:00 pm. - AT JUDY CHURCH'S HOUSE.

August 24th - Worship Ministry Team Meeting - 7:00 pm.

August 25th - Outreach Ministry Team Meeting - 7:00 pm.

August 27 - Adult choir Practice - 7 pm.

August 28th - United Way Day of Caring.

## *Looking toward the future.*

August 30th - Area Meeting - Flinn Home - Marion Indiana.

August 30th - George Bruckman begins vacation.

August 31st - PRC Ministry Team Meeting - 7:00 pm

August 31st - CROPWalk Orientation - 6-9 pm

September 1st - Evangelism Ministry Team Mtg. - 7 pm

eptember 3rd - 6th - Barbee Christian amily Camp. Fun for all ages. abins! Campground for R.V.'s, ampers, Tents. Responsible for own od. For more information call urch office (744-3239).

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otember 12th - Ordination of Elders.

otember 12th - Sunday School Kick-

otember 14th - Administrative Board eting 6:30 pm

otember 14th - Board of Trustees - 0 pm

September 15th - T.W.W. 6-7:30 pm. Bring a covered dish to share.

September 16th - Adult Choir practice - 7 pm.

September 17th - 19th -Barbee Christian Camp - Men's Retreat. Will be looking at Paul's letter to Ephesians. Bring Your Bible! Call FCC office (744-3239) for more information on both Men's Retreats.

September 17 & 18th - Wedding Rehearsal and Wedding.

September 18th - Miracle Day - Sponsored by National Benevolent Association - Heartland and Northern Lights Ministry Teams - Going to Sheridan Christian Church in Sheridan IN. All types of help needed. Painters, electrical workers, cleaning, etc. Contact FCC office by August 30th to volunteer your talents and time for this very worthwhile project.

September 19th - VBS Reunion Choir.

September 21st - Indiana Disciples of Christ and Roman Catholics will celebrate local ecumenical dialogue. Joint worship service at 7:00 pm followed by a reception. St Thomas Aquinas Church, Indianapolis.

September 22nd - Outreach Ministry Team Meeting - 7:00 pm.

September 23rd - Adventure Club/Project Reads begins - 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm each Thursday.

September 25th - C.L.E.A.R. Day - More information in upcoming Tidings.

October 8th - 12th - General Assembly - Cincinnati, OH - Call FCC office for van seating.

October 10th - 2 pm - Franke Park - The CROP Walk.

October 12th - Disciples Men's Luncheon - 12:15 pm - Omni Netherland Plaza, Hall of Mirrors. Tickets may be purchased at the General Assembly or contact 1/888/346-2631 Ext. 353 or 320.

November 1st - 14th - Hurricane Mitch Relief Effort - Honduras Mission Trip. Contact Rev. Jim Hollis 317/241-8870 for additional information. Looking for adults with medical backgrounds and /or adults interested and capable of doing manual labor.

November 5th & 6th - Spiritual Retreat for Indiana Women - Beech Grove IN. "Practicing Our Faith".

November 14th - Area Assembly - at First Christian Church of Ft Wayne.

July 10th - 24th, 2000 - Youth Mission Trip to Honduras. Youths having completed grades 9-11 by June of 2000. Cost: $1,490.00 which includes transportation, room and board. Contact Jim Hollis 317/291 - 7871 to find out more.

October 13th - 15th, 2000. Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Indiana. FCC Richmond, Indiana.

November 21, 2000 - Christians to Celebrate 2,000th Birthday of Jesus Christ at Grand Wayne Center - 3-4:30 pm.

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THANK YOU

After learning I would need multiple surgeries at Mayo Clinic, Laura and I realized we'd be in Rochester most of the summer. This presented a problem for us because we couldn't afford housing in Ft Wayne and Rochester. We, therefore, decided to put our belongings in storage until we can return to Ft Wayne. It is because of the overwhelming support we received from all of you that we were able to accomplish this.

We would like to thank everyone for the many hours they contributed to

lp us move. Packing boxes and
ading a truck in the middle of June is
t a pleasant experience. Nonetheless,
il and many of you were there
eryday. Without your help, we
uld not have been able to move in
limited time we had.

hen Neil showed up on our doorstep
th a monetary contribution from
C, Laura and I were speechless!
ere are no words to adequately
press our feelings and gratitude
en so many of you came to our aid
ring this time of illness.

a husband and a father, we are
netimes faced with difficult
isions. Placing our lives on hold to
k medical help at Mayo was one of
se decisions. However, I have
rned from past experience that it is
portant to seek expert medical care
en you have a rare disorder that
ny doctors know little about. It is
ause of your generosity that this
den has been lessened.

ur support has strengthened our
fidence, and your friendship has
ed our spirits. We are fortunate to
nembers of a church with so many
d people.

Sincerely,
Wayne and Laura
Whitworth and
children

Dear Friends,
This letter is to express the gratitude of the Division of Overseas Ministries for the gift of $469.30. Your commitment to God's mission around the globe as shown through this gift is inspiring and energizing. As you requested, your gift will be directed to providing care for children at the Mi Tia Day Care Center in Costa Rica through the Kids to Kids program.

(NOTE: This was through the giving at VBS)

We at Division of Overseas Ministries are grateful to you and all of those who give of time, talent and treasure in answer to the call of God. May you be blessed as you teach and as you learn in Christ's name and spirit.

Debra Purviance
Director of Resource
Development
Division of Overseas
Ministries

ANNOUNCEMENTS
*Sunday School Kick-Off*
September 12th - Sunday School Kick-off. Everyone is to meet in Fellowship Hall for a continental breakfast. We will welcome newcomers and be visited by a SPECIAL GUEST. Everyone will then go to their class rooms to meet their teachers.

*ADVENTURE CLUB / PROJECT READS*

Adventure Club/Projects Reads will begin on September 23rd. Volunteers are greatly needed! If you are interested in helping a young person with their reading for about 2 hours once a week, please call church office. It is a rewarding time both for the child and the volunteer. Time each Thursday is 3:45pm until 5:00 pm.

*Annual Fall Festival*

St John the Baptist Parish Festival will be held August 28th form 2 pm until midnight. Beanie Baby silent auction, kiddie games, dunk tank, moon walk, raffle prizes every hour with a $5,000.00 drawing at 8 pm. Port a Pit dinner 4-7 pm and Monte Carlo games from 8 pm until midnight. For raffle tickets and information John at 744 - 6961.

*Women's Health Fair*

Plymouth Congregational Church will be hosting a Women's Health Fair on Saturday, September 11th. The cost is $7.15 per person and that covers materials and lunch. Child care will be available. Pre-registration deadline is August 23rd. For additional information please contact Plymouth Congregational Church 423-9424.

*T.W.W.*

Third Wednesday Worship just keeps getting better and better. Your opportunity to take part will come again on September 15th . Carry-in dinner, wonderful fellowship, joyous worship. Don't be left out!

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 PM

*General Assembly*

Arrangements have been made for rental of a van for the entire time of General Assembly. We will leave at 10:00 am on Friday, October 8th. (We will stop for lunch on the way) Plan to be back at FCC on Wednesday, October 13, 1999. (We will leave Cincinnati after breakfast)

Please call the church office (744-3239) right away if you plan to go in the van. *Seating is very limited.* It will be first come first served.

D.M.A.

The D.M.A. "Jug" project is getting heavier and heavier. Keep up the good work, by donating your extra change on the first Sunday of each month. Let's make the "Jug" so heavy we will have to scoot it into the sanctuary - because it will be too heavy to carry.

*Changes*

Due to many changes over the past several years, we find it necessary to re-issue offering envelope numbers. Beginning with the year 2000, you may be receiving a new number.

*all State University*
you or someone you know will be
tending Ball State during 1999-2000,
ease contact the church office (744-
239). We have an invitation to you
om Hazelwood Christian Church
Disciples of Christ) in Muncie to
tend their worship services.

*ONGREGATIONAL MEETING*

he Congregation met at 10:45 am on
nday, August 15th and approved two
otions.
Dr. Richard Hamm as Honored
Minister
alph Church - Elder Emeritus

carry-in luncheon followed the 10:45
worship in celebration of
. Hamm's calling.

ND NOW A FEW WORDS ABOUT
RISTIAN EDUCATION. . .
The Main Thing Is . .. .

ou don't think school is about to
rt, you should go to Target with my
ndchildren to shop for school
plies. There are notebooks,
ders, paper, pencils, lunch boxes,
in every aisle. I hope all that
iff" means that learning will take
ce in the classroom. Of course, we
w that learning requires much more
is not limited to the time frame of
tember through May.

While most public and private classrooms will open before Labor Day, Christian Education at First Christian Church will officially begin a new "semester" September 12th. Some classes have chosen to take a summer break but others have continued through June, July and August. Both approaches have merit and the decision was made by those who participated in each class.

By September 5th, there will be a brochure describing and inviting you to join one of the ongoing classes or new classes being offered. If you have not attended a Sunday School Class, I hope you will decide to make a change in your routine between 9:30 and 10:30 am Sunday mornings. These groups study curriculum that is Bible-based. The goal is to become more biblically literate but beyond that each class offers fellowship and fun along with opportunities to deepen your faith, develop new talents and discover ways to serve your Lord. That is promising a lot!

And now a word about the teachers and teaching! The teachers have a well kept secret they have been hiding for years so you wouldn't try to usurp their role. The secret is that the teachers learn more than the students. Always have, always will! Doesn't that make you want to volunteer to be a teacher? Call 447 - 5691 now.

Whether you consider yourself a teacher or a student, there will be times when those roles are reversed. When we become committed to a faith community there are times we will lead and times we will be led. The main thing is to become committed to learning.

Judy Church
Christian Education

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## CELEBRATE GOD'S CREATION WITH A CHILD

There are only a few short days of summer vacation left. Soon children will return to school and to many other activities. Sometimes, children become over stimulated and experience tremendous stress from doing too much. Some children are living lives as complicated and busy as those of the adults who care for them. Consider giving a child, and yourself, the gift of time and space to quietly reflect on God's goodness. Spend a day observing the wonders of creation. Allow time for the child to reflect on the suggested scriptures and on what they observe, then let them write about or draw pictures of the wonders they observe. Prayers filled with thanksgiving, self understanding and divine guidance can rise up in us, no matter our ages, when we take the time to let God speak to our hearts.

Genesis 1:7-8a
: Spend a few minutes lying on the ground and looking up at the clouds.

Genesis 1:11-12
: do rubbings of different tree bark. Identify the fruit or seeds of different trees and plants.

Genesis 1:14-16
: Place a sundial (a garden stake or medium sized stick) in a clear sunny patch of ground. Mark where the shadow falls. Later, return and mark the progress of the sun's movement.

Genesis 1:20-21
: See how many different birds and bird songs you can identify.

Genesis 1:24-25
: Put a drop of honey in the path of a busy ant and watch what happens. Let the children run a finger across an ant's trail and watch what the ant does. Carefully lift a rock. Sit very quietly and see who lives underneath. Don't forget to put the rock back.

Genesis 1:26
: Enjoy a picnic snack and real aloud Psalm 148

Excerpted from *For the Children*, a program resource from the Office of Family and Children's Ministry of Homeland Ministries, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Wayne and Laura Whitworth
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Dick Widmer

Mildred Widmer - Becca's Mother-in-law -
St Joseph Medical Center - Room 910

## SERVING ON AUGUST 22

*ELDERS*

8:15 am

Barb Hayes, Marlene Crouse

10:15 am

Larry Brey, Judy Church

*DIACONATE*

8:15 am

Roger Moll, Julia Arnold, Betty Grimm, Sue Brey

10:45 am

Linda Stover, Ray Stover, Holly Mathis, Katie Moll, Evelyn Yeoman, Nora Allen, Sue Brickley, Shari Grier

*COMMUNION PREPARATION*

Sue Brey, Evelyn Yeoman, Shari Grier (August 22 and 29)

## SERVING AUGUST 29

*ELDERS*

8:15 am

Anne Moll, Dick Mey

10:45 am

Teresa Hatten, Becca Widmer

*DIACONATE*

8:15 AM

Estel Vandergriff, Betty Grimm, Eve Gorman, John Bohlen

10:45 am

Orie McDougle, Marilyn McDougle, David Brooks, Greg Baitz, Jenny Baitz, Sue Brey Linda Deck, Christi Deck.

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## the feeder again . . .

appened just that way.....I was nizing my desk door, labeling files, ping outdated material, etc. etc...and ame across my "Think Tank" ....way too big. It was so full the er was buried under a mass of r.....not even visible. ...and ving I like a file I can stick esting clippings into, I decided the had come to make many smaller Now, I have a group of files, nk Tank: Prayer/Internet. Think : Quotes/worship.....and one ed,.....and I didn't even notice I had this till it was too late...."Think : Preaching/Abuse." Had to laugh yself for that one.

ided to leave it.....I think it sends a message to me about how easy it is use this opportunity.....It's never to preach to the same group of le Sunday after Sunday, year after Some one asked me the other day, n't you have a back log of sermons an just pull out?" I don't. You'd I had a bunch, and I do....just never trongly convinced that I should pull them out and dump them on you....they're very much locked into the time and situation I was preaching in at the time.

I suppose if I were a bird I might use the same song over and over and over.....till I got what I was after.....but then I remember the Cardinal. Every year the Cardinal sings a new song. Each year they try to outdo their competition with a slight variation. I'm more like a Cardinal than a sparrow in that respect. Songs (and sermons) have to be new, or they become boring.

However, I did hear about a minister that kept preaching the same sermon over and over, and when asked why just returned the question with another question. He said, "Has there been any change yet?"

That's a vote for the sparrow section....but I'm more cardinal-like. Times change....so do people's needs. And you've changed since we've first met.

Heard about one pastor that just takes out his Father's sermons from the

1950's. Wow, can you imagine? I wonder if he talks about going to the moon, or the dangers of communism? Does he preach about civil rights legislation, or quote from Norman Vincent Peal? That's a reason vote for the cardinals in my opinion.
Well, sorry to ramble on....but....like the cardinal....I have to practice my new song before I'm ready to share it. And, since we've come to the end of our first year together I thought we ought to say something about it. So here's my new song to attract you to the feeder.

I love you.

I'm more excited to be here now than I was last year.

I'm convinced that this fall will be big - VERY BIG.

I'm more focused on what we need to do.

Feeding on the love of Christ, Won't you come join me?

Neil

## *What's Happening Now . . .*

September 1 - Evangelism Ministry Team Meeting - 7 pm.

September 2 - Worship Budget Team Meeting - 6:30 pm.

September 2 - Adult choir practice - 7 pm.

September 3 & 4 - Wedding rehearsal- 6:30 pm and wedding - 4 pm.

September 5 - Recognition Sunday for Phyllis Lahr 9:30 am.. Reception at noon following second worship service.

September 6 - FCC office closed for Labor Day. ALSO Food Bank and Baby's Closet will be closed.

September 7 - Elders Meeting - 7 pm.

September 8 - Property Ministry Team Meeting 7 pm.

September 9 - Adult choir practice 7pm

September 9 - Fellowship Ministry Team Meeting - 8:30 pm after choir practice.

September 10 & 11 - Pastor Allen in Indianapolis.

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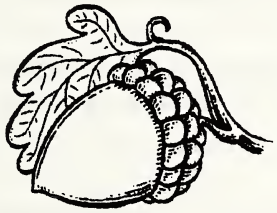

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September 16 - Adult choir practice - 7 pm.

September 17 - 19 - Barbee Christian Camp - Men's Retreat. Will be looking at Paul's letter to Ephesians. Bring Your Bible! Call FCC office (744-3239) for more information on both Men's Retreats.

September 17 & 18 - Wedding Rehearsal and Wedding.

September 18 - Miracle Day - Sponsored by National Benevolent Association - Heartland and Northern Lights Ministry Teams - Going to Sheridan Christian Church in Sheridan IN. All types of help needed. Painters, electrical workers, cleaning, etc. Contact FCC office by to volunteer your talents and time for this very worthwhile project. HELPERS GREATLY NEEDED!!

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COME HUNGRY AND READY TO PARTY!!

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September 25 - C.L.E.A.R. Day - Christian Theological Seminary - 1000 W. 42nd Street, Indianapolis. Registration begins at 8:45 am. Workshops, worship sessions, lunch, closing and then Carolyn Casey Reed installation. For more information on registration and available workshops please see notice on bulletin board or call church office (744-3239).

September 25 - Installation Service for Carolyn Casey Reed, our new Associate Regional Minister, 3 pm at Sweeney Chapel of Christian Theological Seminary, 1000 W. 42nd Street, Indianapolis. Reception immediately following in the Common Room. Open to everyone.

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MORE FROM GLOBAL MINISTRIES. . .

*To fall in love with teaching*

Kate Goodspeed teaches English in China, appointed by Global Ministries to the Amity Foundation, a church-related Chinese agency that works with the poor and disadvantaged in China. Amity believes that one of the ways to lift rural people out of poverty is to increase the level of English teaching in the countryside. Kate and other Amity teachers are engaged in training teachers from the poorer, rural areas of China. Kate is also staff teacher for Amity and helps train and write materials for Amity's 80 foreign teachers.

Kate has written about how she tries to engage her students in learning English. "Yesterday, in the second full day of a four-day workshop, I taught body language and mime. We were arrogant kings and queens, destitute beggars, despairing parents and excited lottery winners.
Today I taught intonation and vocal expression. My students are all returning middle-school English teachers, many of whom have little confidence in their spoken English. Indeed, some have almost no spoken English at all, though they undoubtedly have a better understanding of the past participle than I do."

"Working on non-verbal expression creates a level playing field where all the students can be equally confident, no matter what their level of English. Working on intonation also gives them confidence and lets them see how much fun speaking English can be. Most of them don't really want to be teachers, especially English teachers, but they have little choice. Part of my job, as I see it, is to help them fall in love with teaching English and experience new ways to teach their students."

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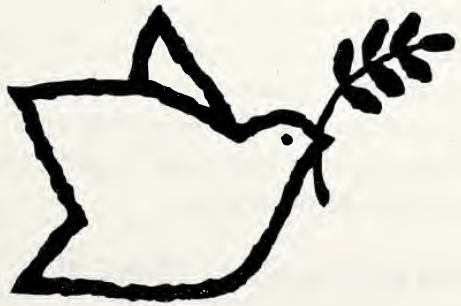
*Guess Who's Coming To Lunch!!!!!!!*
D.M.A. is proud to announce that on uesday, October 5, 1999 the guest peaker for D.M.A.'s carry-in lunch vill be:

Mr. Bob Sievers of WOWO Radio fame!!

Mr. Sievers will be speaking on his "First 50 Years in Radio."
***EVERYONE*** - not just D.M.A. - is nvited. Bring a friend–bring two or hree. The more the merrier. Don't niss this one.

*T.W.W.*
Third Wednesday Worship just keeps getting better and better. Your opportunity to take part will come again on September 15th. Carry-in dinner, wonderful fellowship, joyous worship. Don't be left out!
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 PM



*General Assembly*
General Assembly is getting closer and closer. If you are planning to go and want to "Share the Ride" arrangements have been made for rental of a van for the entire time of General Assembly. We will leave at 10:00 am on Friday, October 8th. (We will stop for lunch on the way) Plan to be back at FCC on Wednesday, October 13, 1999. (We will leave Cincinnati after breakfast)

Please call the church office (744-3239) right away if you plan to go in the van. *Seating is very limited.* It will be first come first served.

*D.M.A.*
The D.M.A. "Jug" project is getting heavier and heavier. Keep up the good work, by donating your extra change on the first Sunday of each month. Let's make the "Jug" so heavy we will have to scoot it into the sanctuary - because it will be too heavy to carry. Your next chance to "make the jog heavier" will be Sunday, September 5th.

*Changes*
Due to many changes over the past several years, we find it necessary to re-issue offering envelope numbers. Beginning with the year 2000, you may be receiving a new number.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

*News form our Global Mission Partners*

We went for a family trek in April which was a big highlight of 1999 so far. We flew to Jomsom, about 2700 meters, and trekked to the pilgrimage spot of Muktinal, at 3700 meters.

At this time of year it is quite hot, even at that altitude, but since the sky was often cloudy we didn't feel to uncomfortable most of the time. Trekking with us was a friend from Capel Hill days, Innana, who was seeing Nepal for the first time. We trekked for 7 days, ending back in Pokhara. Christopher was a good sport, walking 2-3 hours a day and Andy carried him the rest. We walked between 5-8 hours a day.

This was a trek I had done in my youth at age 14, so it was fun to be seeing it all again. The scenery is amazing, and the Nepali people we met along the trail amazed us even more. Most of them were either porters carrying incredible loads of goods for the tourist lodges, or parts of bridges to be constructed, or even TV's and satellite dishes for the well to do lodge owners and businessmen - and others were pilgrims. The pilgrims carried only the bare essentials, and often walked barefoot or in sandals - in contrast to the tourists equipped with fancy packs and hiking boots. We had a porter to carry our pack, and my friend had one as well. This is very common in Nepal, and we figure it both gives a man a wage plus allows us to enjoy the journey more!

We returned to the bustling city of Kathmandu refreshed and ready to get back to work. It is good to escape the city now and then, to remind ourselves that this country really is a beautiful place, and that we are so privileged and so blessed to be here. Our work continues to go well, with Andy spending more time at home lately, and me focusing on school health activities. I am so grateful for the many contributions of funds that the Indiana Disciples have made, making scholarships for needy children possible. And please pass on our thanks for the money for income generation activities too.

This week will be a chance to take some time off work to reflect, study the Word, enjoy our fellow mission partners (about 200 of them), and play lots of volleyball. UMN's annual Conference is something I remember vividly from my childhood here - a time for missionaries posted all over the Nepal to meet together and have a great time. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. We appreciate your kindness, your letters and e-mails, and your tokens of support.

God bless you all. Ellen Collins.

## PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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| illers Merry Manor | Garland Flickinger |
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| gency Place of FW | Bernice Montgomery |
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## PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS and LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kathlyn Banet
Katie Baker - 16 years old - Cancer
( Friend of Marlo Quick)

Andy Cook
Reba Fusselman
Gladys Harshbarger - At Home
Bobby Herschbarger - Motorcycle Accident
(Friend of Christina Parker)

Bill Johnson
Betty Lanning - Cancer
(Sister to Sue Brickley)

Dick Mey - Knee replacement in September
Jean McGrew - At Home
Charlie McGrew
Lola Miller
Wilma Miller

Barb Rumpel - Awaiting Transplant
Wilbur Snook
Laura York - Eye Surgery
Janet Weicker - Prayers for Comfort

Wayne and Laura Whitworth
Charles Wrisk
Mildred Widmer

SERVING ON SEPTEMBER 5

*ELDERS*

8:15 am

Barb Hayes, Kathy Cron

10:15 am

Ron Wise, Jean McGrew

*DIACONATE*

8:15 am

Roger Moll, Julia Arnold,
Betty Grimm, Eve Gorman

10:45 am

Linda Stover, Ray Stover, Holly Mathis,
Katie Moll, Evelyn Yeoman, John Bohlen,
Sue Brickley, Lori Vandergriff

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Roger Moll, Katie Moll, Nora Allen
(September 5 and 12)

LAY WORSHIP

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8:15 am

Marlene Crouse, Anne Moll

10:45 am

Donna Heimann, Charlie Hatten

*DIACONATE*

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Julia Arnold, Betty Grimm,
Katie Moll, David Brooks

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Nora Allen, Kristian Scott, Greg Baitz,
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*HOMEBOUND COMMUNION*

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# Tidings

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## At the feeder again . . .

The cooler temperatures and the rain make me glad I'm not a bird. I used to day-dream about being a bird, flying freely, drinking out of sparkling streams and eating sunflower seeds all day.....This is the romantic view of a bird's life. We all know our streams look more like mud-puddles, and food is scarce at times, and that birds don't have all day to fly around with nothing to do. We do know that don't we? Wake up and smell the gas-fumes. Life is tough for a bird....it's a jungle out there.

The poor gold finch sat at the feeder in a cold-drizzle the other day. He just sat there as the storm worsened. Lightening flashed. The wind blew. He seemed oblivious to it all. He had been conditioned to these events. I had to admire him, all that chaos and not one feather out of place. I remember seeing him swinging from the same feeder last winter. The thing was blowing nearly parallel to the ground. He just sat there and ate his dinner like my dad used to after a long day in the factory.

I also watched a group of elderly ladies coming from the hairdresser in that same rain storm. It was quite a different scene. Scampering to get out of the elements, they drew plastic rain hats and umbrellas from their oversized purses, and ran like the rain was Godzilla's saliva. I wondered if any of those purses contained a taxi. Apparently not, they ducked and dogged the rain in their high heeled pumps like Barry Sanders on his way to the end-zone. (He's a football player without a job).

Speaking of running scared, let's talk about Y2K. I don't get it. Why is everyone so worried? Ok, so I probably spent too many nights at the steel mill or at bug-infested Church camps because I've lost my sympathy for people who complain too much about the weather and food. We could get by on much less, and we could dress for the weather.

I think what some are worried about is facing the elements unprotected by their perfect houses. I think they're worried that eventually they might have to get wet, or be cold (sound affects for added emphasis)....I wonder if those purses have portable heaters or extra socks? We are getting a bit soft don't you think....Oops, my rural background is showing again.

Oh, but now they're saying that the Y2K scare isn't going to be as "bad" as it first appeared. That means most experts think the protective shield around us will remain intact and functional. Goodnews,70 degrees and dry all year. What time is dinner?

I wonder what the gold finch would say if he knew how worried we are?

I think he'd probably say, "You're tougher than you think you are." He'd probably say, "Why don't you worry more about important things like your family?" (Finches have strong family systems). I'm sure he'd tell us something about priorities. He probably tell us that we're getting too soft, worrying too much if we're sweating and too little about loving our neighbors. (Nah, he wouldn't say that. Finches are miserable at loving neighbors and they don't know anything about sweating.)

It just seems to me that we could learn a lot from a finch about toughness, about protecting the environment, and what one really needs to worry about (Hawks and cats - those who prey upon the weak).

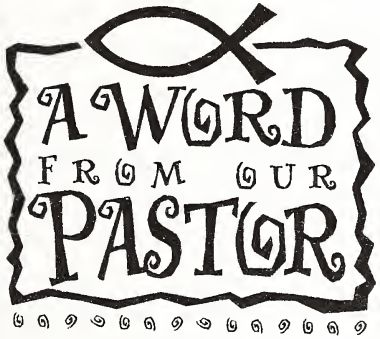
Feeding on the love of Christ, turning down the air-conditioning, and updating my data files, and keeping one eye out for the cat.
*Neil*
*"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers."*
*(Romans 12:9-13)*

# Visitors

## September 12, 1999

*Diane White, Deidre Parker and Demarcus, Darius and Devlon Tate of 3517 Robinwood.*

*Merritt Morralf of 1002 E. State Blvd. (Friend of Shari Grier)*
*We hope to see you again very soon!!!*
*WELCOME !*




*Pastor on Elder Search*

cannot find a complete list of elders who have served at this church. Can you elp me out? I'm still new enough that don't know every piece of history. hanks for your list.

Here's the list I have to date. Who am I issing?

*URRENT ELDERS*

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| eresa Hatten | Judy Church |
| ick Mey | Ron Wise |
| Charlie Hatten | Marlene Crouse |
| Larry Brey | John Ohneck |
| Marlo Quick | Anne Moll |
| Becca Widmer | Barb Hayes |
| Jean McGrew | Kathy Cron |
| Donna Heimann | |

*OTHER ELDERS*

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| Bob Hendricks | Eunice Conrad |
| Bill Franklin | Delores Keebortz |
| Sam Hayes | George Bruckman |
| David Kreischer | Charles Ludwig |
| Sara Davis | Charles Ewing |
| John Kelly | Eileen Klepfer |
| Charles McGrew | Bill Love |
| Margaret Love | Bob Bier |
| Glenn W. Miller | Don Oden |
| Sue Oden | Kris Ohneck |
| Andy Cook | Marvin Crouse |
| Lauren Ewing | Dwain Graham |
| Kathy Graham | Bill Johnson |
| Don Kampenga | Rosemary Krull |
| Dick Mory | Wes Westerfield |
| Laura York | Pat Mullen |
| Ken Taylor | Merle Grimm |
| Dick Vanderwall | Erma Vanderwall |

*ELDER* EMERITI

| | |
|---|---|
| Ralph Church | Janet Weicker |
| Bill Crouse | Mildred Hartman |
| Jack Weicker | Gene Klepfer |
| Glenn L. Miller | Don Parlett |
| Mark Snyder | |

Thanks for your help.
Neil

# What's Happening Now .

September 16 - Adult choir practice - 7pm.

September 17 - 19 - Barbee Christian Camp - Men's Retreat. Will be looking at Paul's letter to Ephesians. Bring Your Bible! Call FCC office (744-3239) for more information on both Men's Retreats.

September 17 & 18 - Wedding Rehearsal and Wedding.

September 18 - Miracle Day - Sponsored by National Benevolent Association - Heartland and Northern Lights Ministry Teams - Going to Sheridan Christian Church in Sheridan IN.

All types of help needed. Painters, electrical workers, cleaning, etc. Contact FCC office by to volunteer your talents and time for this very worthwhile project. HELPERS GREATLY NEEDED!!

September 18 - West Creighton Christian Church (845 W. Crieghton Ave)
"All you can eat: Fish - Chicken - Tenderloin. 4-6:30 pm. Dinner includes potato, cole slaw, roll, drink and dessert for $6.00. Children 5-12 - $5.00. Children 4 and under are FREE. PUBLIC INVITED!!

September 19 - VBS Reunion Choir.

September 19 - Grade school children may join us for all of the fun - for the starting of "Children's Fellowship Ministry." Parents are invited to the first meeting at 4 pm.
COME HUNGRY AND READY TO PARTY!!

September 20 - Pastor Allen - Indianapolis.

September 21 - Walk to Bethlehem Meeting -7 pm.

September 21 - Evangelism Ministry Team -7 pm.

September 21 - Indiana Disciples of Christ and Roman Catholics will celebrate local ecumenical dialogue. Joint worship service at 7:00 pm followed by a reception. St Thomas Aquinas Church, Indianapolis.

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November 2 - 6 am - 6 pm Election Board.

November 2 - Elder's Meal - Neil and Nora's house - Carry-in.

November 3 - T.W.W. Ministry Team - 6:30 pm

November 4 - Adventure Club/Project Reads 3:45 - 5 pm

November 4 - Adult choir practice - 7pm

November 5 & 6 - Spiritual Retreat for Indiana Women - Beech Grove IN. "Practicing Our Faith"

November 6 - "moms on missions" Mini Retreat - 9:30 am - 4 pm - at First Christian Church. See article this issue of Tidings for information.

November 7 - Bring canned goods for Thanksgiving Cornucopia. .

November 9 - Capital (Administrative Board) Meeting 6:30 pm

November 9 - Board of Trustees - 7:30 pm

November 11 - Adventure Club/Project Reads 3:45 - 5 pm

November 11 - Adult choir practice - 7 pm

November 14 - Bring canned goods to Area Assembly. All items will be used in our Food Bank.

November 14 - Area Assembly - at First Christian Church of Ft Wayne. (Don't forget your canned goods)

November 16 - Christian Education Ministry Team meeting - 8:30 - 10:30 am.

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THANKSGIVING

November 25 - Thanksgiving Day

November 28 - Hanging of the Greens during second worship service.

November 28 - Advent Afternoon - 2 - 4 pm.

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December 10 & 11 Nativity Display - 2-4 pm

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December 19 - Christmas Cantata - during both worship services.

December 24 - Family Christmas Eve Service 7 pm

December 24 - Christmas Eve Circle of Light 11 pm

July 10 - 24, 2000 - Youth Mission Trip to Honduras. Youths having completed grades 9-11 by June of 2000. Cost: $1,490.00 which includes transportation, room and board. Contact Jim Hollis 317/291 - 7871 to find out more.

October 13 - 15, 2000. Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Indiana. FCC Richmond, Indiana.
November 21, 2000 - Christians to Celebrate 2,000th Birthday of Jesus Christ at Grand Wayne Center - 3 - 4:30 pm.

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ANK YOU

ır Neil,

ly, Lauren and I are sitting here just
, now that we have been able to
ad our things off the moving truck
are able to relax. We wanted to
k you so very much for helping us
on our big moving day, we really
reciate you bing there to help us.

se share our letter with our friends
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ving smile, the friendships we
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Ray Stover for their strength the
ning of our moving day. I am not
what Andy would have done
out you two guys. Your help
y meant a lot to us both.

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rst Christian I would like to thank
for their friendship and smiles - Linda Stover, Judy Mey, Sue Brey, Anne Moll, Eunice Conrad, Judy Church, Joan Franklin, Kris Ohneck, Becca Widmer, Laura Whitworth, Donna Heimann and Teresa Hatten, you have all been there from the beginning watching our little family grow into three, each one of you have a very special place in our hearts.

Our little sweetheart, Lauren, would like to send hugs to Melissa and Sara Brey, Liz Widmer, Jenny and Greg Baitz, Linda and Ray Stover, Judy and Dick Mey, Nora and Jafsheen.....I never had to worry leaving her in your care.....May you all be blessed with wonderful moments.

Erin, Andy and Lauren Brosey

P.S. Our new address is:
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*Rosie Lopez, sophomore, Sunrise, FL*

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*WEEK OF COMPASSION UPDATE*

As the days pass since the August 17 earthquake struck western Turkey, the death toll continues to rise. With thousands of bodies still buried, the number of dead may exceed 40,000. Thousands more have been injured, made homeless, or lost jobs. The threat of infectious disease outbreaks

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0% of all designated contributions
l go for quake relief and recovery.

more information on the quake and
ditional ways to help, check out the
WOC website: www.disciples.org/woc.

Thank you and God bless,

John Wray.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS and LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kathlyn Banet
Ruby Cline - Cancer Treatments
Harold Cline
Harold Combs - father of Jenny Baitz
Andy Cook - Parkview Room 404-1
Reba Fusselman
Gladys Harshbarger - At Home
Vera Hutson - Mother of Richard Hutson
Bill Kerley - suffering from horse kick.
Betty Lanning - Cancer
(Sister to Sue Brickley)
Dick Mey - Knee replacement 9/23/99
Jean McGrew
Charlie McGrew
Lola Miller
Wilma Miller
Barb Rumpel - Awaiting Transplant
Wilbur Snook
Laura York - Eye Surgery
Janet Weicker - Prayers for Comfort
Wayne and Laura Whitworth-
Returned to Mayo for Wayne's second surgery.
Charles Wrisk
Hurricane victims.
Earthquake victims in Turkey.

## SERVING ON SEPTEMBER 19

*ELDERS*

8:15 am

Kathy Cron, Marlo Quick

10:15 am

Larry Brey, Judy Church

*DIACONATE*

8:15 am

John Bohlen, Eve Gorman
Kristian Scott, Betty Grimm

10:45 am

Sue Brey, Ray Stover, Linda Stover, Holly Mathis, Katie Moll, Evelyn Yeoman, Nora Allen, Sue Brickley

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LAY WORSHIP

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10:45 am

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*DIACONATE*

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# Tidings

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## t the feeder again . . .

ıe doves have a new game. It's really nny to watch them. I call it feeder mping.

dove stands atop the copper topped feeder oing to her/his friend, and when the nod mes, she puts one foot on the slippery ›pe and then the next. The descending ve skids for about 5 inches, leans forward, lds open their wings, and glides to the ound, skidding on the wet grass, until the ish line (a row of grey-stripped sunflower eds shells). It lands with one foot in front the other, in a kind of, ta-da sort of way. me doves on the ground hold up little rds with numbers on them, while the others ake that whistling noise with their wings. nother dove moves into the starter gate, d the whole process starts again. Olaf onMourning got a 9.7 the other day by ing a 180 on the way down the feed, nding on the perch without flapping his ings. The sparrow section, normally a bunch of twirps, really cheeped in their strong support.

Actually I am exaggerating.....just a bit. I made up the thing about the sparrows....so I am exaggerating.....just a bit.....I still have fun watching them little buggers (this term generally applied to all Insectivora).

Reminds me something I learned as a pastor these past 16 years. People tend to see what they want to see, or see and hear what they've been trained or conditioned to see and hear. Nora says I have trouble making out the hamper, that I should go to the doctor and see what's wrong with my eyes. I tell her that I was born with the deficiency, that I'm completely hopeless. Sue Brey says I could take some medicine for it, but was unable to recall the name of the prescription.

But isn't it the truth? When it comes to seeing ourselves as leaders, or evangelists, or prophetic, we tend to get a bit myopic. Funny how the condition goes away when we get called to spend money at the mall.....Let's call it selective myopia, a condition brought on by a good stewardship sermon. By the way, it's almost time to schedule that fall go-see-the-leaves-week-end that always seems to coordinate with the aforementioned sermon topic.

Oh well, I'm sure there is a medicine we can take for our illness.....say.....have you tried that little hunk of bread and juice Jesus serves up every Sunday? It works wonders on myopia and is a sure fire cure to apathy too.

See you Sunday.....and I'll buy the communion.....I mean.....the debt has already been paid.

Feeding on the Love of Christ,

Neil

*"Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust will consume it."*

## NEW CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Christian Children's Fellowship (CCF) has begun. It was awesome. The fun and excitement was felt by all. CCF is a group for children in grades 1-6 who would like to participate in the five areas of ministry we will be doing together.

1. Fellowship - that's all the fun stuff.
2. Music - That's fun too - Handbells and Choir
3. Education/Worship - Gosh, we've even found a way to make this fun!
4. Creative Experiences - Crafts and Other expressions of creativity
5. Service projects - Guess what? Yes - MORE FUN

Here are the dates for our next meetings. Note that some of the activities are not ready for publication, but soon will be. Hope to see you there!

| Date | Time | Activity |
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| 9/26 | 4-6 p.m. | Crafts with Nora<br>Plus a bunch more |
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| Meal provided by: | | Allens |
| 1/9/2000 | | |
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| Meal provided by: | | Potluck |

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Yes, you can bring your friends. Come grow with us.
CCF LEADERS - Neil Allen, Nora Allen & Janice Wagner

P.S. Second CCF meeting was held on Sunday, September 26th. There were 16 in attendance.

## Visitors

***September 19 & 26***

Sylvia Musser 353C Hoover Drive
Gaynl Murphy From West Creighton

Melissa Ballison
212 S. Seminole Circle

Louis & Helen Godfrey
5419 S. Harrison

Donna Ferguson (Daughter of Louis and Helen Godfrey
Bertha Morgan 4911 Hoagland

Sue Coyer 304 W. Cox
Shanon Matthew Daughter of Alice Nulf

Chrissy King - Guest pianist and her friend from Taylor University, Sarah Conley

Doug Oberlin 8602 1A Lakeside Drive

Bob Williams - Guest organist.

Deborah Spillers 5515 S. Harrison
Pascal St Clair 5215 Standish Drive
Quantie Coleman 5410 Standish Drive

***We hope to see you again very soon!!!***
***Welcome!***

## Ministry Team Meetings

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## What's Happening Now . .

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October 3 - Golf outing - 12 noon.

October 3 - Reconciliation Offering.

October 5 - D.M.A. - 12 noon carry-in luncheon with guest speaker Bob Seivers from WOWO.

October 5 - Elders Meeting - 7 pm

October 8 - 12 - General Assembly - Cincinnati, OH

October 8 & 9 - Wedding decorating, rehearsal & wedding.

October 10 - Stewardship Emphasis begins.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kevin and Marilyn Mor on the birth of their daughter Madilyn Gayl on September 22, 1999. Madilyn weighed pounds 14 oz.

Extremely proud first time grandparents ar Dick and Diane Mory.

Welcome Little One !

Congratulations to DeWayne Fryback and Gena Buelow on their wedding, September 18, 1999.
DeWayne is the son of our Sexton, Sandy.

***A REAL PRO***
(Excerpts taken from article in local newspaper)

Woodie Klepfer defeated John Churchward on the first playoff hole to win the 1999 Fort Wayne Men's Senior City Championship at Autumn Ridge Golf Club.

Klepfer went for broke on the playoff hole, using a driver to clear a water hazard that Churchward drove into with a 3-wood.

Klepfer and Churchward had finished the 36-hole tournament at 8 over par - 152.

## THANK YOU

Dear Neil and FCC Members

It was wonderful to be with all of you in worship on Sunday, September 12. I greatly enjoyed the warm welcome extended to me during the morning. It was terrific to be in your midst and to worship together after hearing so many great things about FCC, Ft Wayne!

I was especially thankful for the opportunity to meet so many of you during the Sunday School time–and to even have Moses present was a real treat!

Thank you so much for the lovely card and special gift of welcoming me to region. I have put the nativity scene on my shelf in the office. Whenever I look at it, I think of your kindness, warmth and generosity.

I can sense that there are many wonderful things happening in the life of First Christian in
Ft Wayne. It is an exciting time in the life of the congregation. I will continue to hold you in my prayers as you journey into many areas of ministry.

Thanks again for your hospitality. I look forward to our continued relationship.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Casey Reed

## DID YOU KNOW????

***Whitworth's are back.***
Wayne, Laura, Nicholas and Sarah Whitworth have returned to Ft Wayne. Wayne is doing just absolutely super. Thank You God !!!

***Guess Who's Coming To D.M.A.!!!!!!***
D.M.A. is proud to announce that on Tuesday, October 5, 1999 the guest speaker for D.M.A.'s carry-in lunch will be:
Mr. Bob Sievers of WOWO Radio fame!! Mr. Sievers will be speaking on his "First 50 Years in Radio." ***EVERYONE*** - not just D.M.A. - is invited. Bring a friend–bring two or three. The more the merrier. Don't miss this one.

P.S. ***Don't forget your change October for the D.M.A. jug project.***

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## *BUTLER UNIVERSITY*

Butler University is pleased to announce a scholarship for members of the Christian Church (DOC). The Sawyer Scholarship, established through the bequest of Edward W. Sawyer, in 1924, is designed to "aid worthy members of the Christian Church in securing and education."

Butler University invites students who are members of the Christian church, (DOC) to submit applications for this scholarship. Applicants should be in the top ten (10%) percent of their high school class, have 1100 or higher composite SAT scores (24 or higher ACT), and demonstrate leadership in school, community and church activities.

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plication please contact:

e Office of Financial Aid
tler University
00 Sunset Avenue
ly, IN 46208
7/940-8200

***BARBEE CAMP WORK DAY***

HEN: Saturday, October 2
ME: 9 am until ?????

gistration, Refreshments, Job-selection
l Assignments will begin upon your
ival at camp. IF YOU PLAN TO
RTICIPATE IN WORK DAY AND
LL NEED PLEASE CALL SHARON
219/834-4190.

## GLOBAL MINISTRIES

*Giving Hope and Help in Turkey*

e-mail reports came in daily following devastating earthquake in Turkey. bal Ministries missionary Alan (Mick) Cain, who was on home assignment, rned to Istanbul, to again live our the ds of the commission given to the first sionaries appointed to the Middle East by predecessor board in 1830, "to see what d can be done, and by what means." k noted, "Our office coordinated the relief effort for refugees following the Gulf War and has come experience, and a lot of good connections, in getting things done."

Even before Mick returned, representatives of the churches and religious groups in Turkey met and formed a steering committee for their relief work. Those participating included Greek, Armenian, and Syrian Orthodox; Syrian, Latin, Armenian, Chaldean and German Catholic; Union (Protestant) Church of Istanbul, CARITAS, the Bible Society, Istanbul Interparish Migrant Program and Societies in chair of the committee. Mick's office is serving as liaison and correspondent.

Following the first relief efforts, the goal of the Steering committee is to provide shelter and a means of temporary survival until people can find a more permanent solution. "Tents and toilets," as Mick said. First purchases of relief supplies included blankets, disposable diapers, toilet paper, sanitary napkins, paper towels, trash bags, aspirin, underwear, dry baby food, bottled water – and the list goes on. For the latest news from Mick, log on to:

www.globalministries.org

"There is considerable order and dignity even among the shattered rubble of lives and property. But there is terrible sadness and an enormous task ahead."

***FRIENDS OF THE THIRD WORLD***
***LOAN NATIVITY FOR DISPLAY***
***DECEMBER 10 & 11***

For 2000 years now the story has been told and retold. But it wasn't until 1223 then Francis of Assisi in Italy popularized the re-enactment of the nativity that creches had their real beginnings. He brought together a village of people and animals around a manger in which a young child lay.

The interest in recreating the nativity spread from Italy, to Germany, to all of Europe, and around the world, including many of the countries with whom Friends of the Third World is in partnership. More than 70 different original creches are available, and each is a projection of the person who made it and of the tools and resources available. Woodcarvers in Kenya whittle Mahulu wood with knife and chisel, potters in Peru turn each ceramic figure with nimble fingers before placing it in the kiln, artisans in Cameroon pour brass into a one-time mold, and Bengali women pull the jute fiber between their fingers.

In all renditions the baby Jesus is a center stage with Mary and Joseph on either side. To these three are often added some of the supporting cast: the shepherds or shepherdess, the wisemen, and possibly an angel. Their dress and faces reflect the artisans themselves. The Kenyan Mary wears African jewelry; the Peruvian baby dons the warm cap for the frigid temperatures of the Andes while the shepherds play music on Andean flutes; the Mayan baby from Guatemala is diapered in Ikat fabric.

Animals peculiar to certain areas often become part of the nativity. Members of the Zafiomaniry tribe in Madagascar carve the light wood to form a Brahma bull. Another artisan crafts a dog to symbolize fidelity.

The setting of the nativity varies from place to place. Many artisans craft the traditional stable or the cave, customary in Palestine at the actual time of the birth. In Peruvian creches the Holy family night reside in a triptych (three sided figure), a retablo (traveling altar), matchbox, miniature egg, typical village building, or a nativity cup!

Handmade nativities bring the past into the present. The angel Gabriel announces the birth to the shepherds in a modern street in Peru. Instead of frankincense, and myrrh, the wisemen bring local musical instruments and ceramic jars as gifts to the Christ child.

An up–to-date South American saddle blanket covers the donkey of Bethlehem.

Many people collect creches. However, people not only need to treasure the various examples of art and culture, but to remember the faith that is the true spirit of the nativity. May the Nativity Help Us Remember the Real Meaning of Christmas.

From:

Friends of the Third World, a nonprofit volunteer ministry concerned with poverty and hunger.

*The story is the same–God's gift to th4e world in His son Jesus–but each artist translates this story through a different art form, creating a unique object of faith.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

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|---|---|
| Millers Merry Manor | Garland Flickinger |
| Ossian Health Care | Dorothy Green |
| Regency Place of FW | Bernice Montgomery |
| Renaissance Village | Kathlyn Banet |
| Riverbend | Lou Simmons |
| St Anne's Nursing Home | Ressie Ehresman |
| Townhouse Health Ctr | Lola Miller |
| Lucille Branstrator | 747 - 5691 |
| Andy Cook | 637 - 5736 |
| Virginia Englehart | 447 - 4147 |
| Gladys Harshbarger | 483 - 2392 |
| Helen Jordan | 432 - 1848 |
| Virginia Pfluger | 489 - 6148 |
| Ethel Richhart | 422 - 7959 |
| Lila Russell | 483 - 8272 |
| Coleen Wilcoxson | 456 - 8138 |
| Charles Wrisk | 456 - 7223 |

## PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS and LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kathlyn Banet

Ilene Blauvelt -Parkview Hospital- Room 451-1

Wendy Blauvelt - Calisum deposits on heart and lungs. Partial lung removal Weds. 9/29.

Andy Cook – Courtland Nursing Home 3555 Spy Run Extended - 46805 - Room 308

Earthquake Victims in Taiwan

Earthquake Victims inTurkey

Reba Fusselman

Gladys Harshbager - At Home

Vickey Hoppe -Pastor Neil's niece - heart problems after childbirth.

Hurricane Victims

Vera Hutson - Nother of Richard Huston

Dave Kreischer

Betty Lanning - Cancer - (Sister to Sue Brickley)

Dick Mey - Knee replacement

Jean McGrew - At Home

Charlie McGrew

Lola Miller

Wilma Miller

Anne Moore - Grandmother of Monica.

Barb Rumpel - Awaiting Transplant

Wilbur Snook

Laura York

Janet Weicker - Prayers for Comfort

Charles Wrisk - Hospice Care at home.

*HIGHER EDUCATION*

Hiram College

Founded in 1850 by the Disciples of Christ, Hiram College continues today as one of the nation's most respected institutions of liberal arts and sciences. Located in Ohio's Western Reserve, Hiram attracts students from throughout the United States and 24 foreign countries.

Hiram's academic calendar, known as the Hiram Plan, is unique to the nation and ingeniously combines the advantages of long-term and short-term learning. During each modified semester, Hiram students take three courses during a 12-week session before being immersed in an intensive 3-week session, during which students take just one course. During the 3-week session, Hiram students are able to take advantage of the many hands-on learning opportunities at Hiram which include internships, in-depth research with a faculty mentor, field trips, or study abroad.

More than 50 % of Hiram students participate in one of the oldest and most extensive study-abroad programs in the country. Eight trips are typically offered each year and all are led by one to three master teachers on the Hiram faculty.

Hiram is recognized as a Baccalaureate-1 institution by the respected Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and is one of 13% of colleges and universities to be awarded a chapter of the prestigious honor society Phi Beta Kappa.

Hiram commits more than $5 million each year to merit scholarships and need-based grants and offers special scholarship opportunities for Disciples students. An active Disciples student group offers fellowship and social activities on campus and through the nearby Hiram Christian Church.

## World Communion Sunday

October 3, 1999

A very special celebration of Worship will occur this Sunday, when two members of the Grace St. John's United Church of Christ join us.

Our special visitors are more than friends. They are "partners" and in "full communion" with us. These are the words used to describe the action taken at our General Synod/ General Assembly meeting a few years ago with the United Church of Christ.

"Full communion" means we openly exchange ministers with the UCC's and do not require them to be re-licensed or re-certified. Likewise, should members transfer from one church to the other, they do not require anything more than transfer of membership.

"Full communion" also means we share resources on denominational, regional and local levels. We are currently sharing some Global Mission Partners with the UCC church, and are also working on ventures such as camps and conferences across all of those lines.

Locally, however, we have not done much to promote the "full communion" of the congregations.

All that will begin this Sunday at both First Christian Church and Grace St. John's United Church of Christ, when we exchange elders for a day. John Ohneck and Becca Widmer will make an historic first step in our exchange of ministries, and will serve at the table. Two elders from Grace St. John's United Church of Christ will likewise serve here at First Christian.

To help make this process along, both churches will be taking communion by coming forward and dipping the bread into the cup before partaking.

As we walk forward this Sunday, let us remember that we are also taking an historic step of faith. And may we pray with all our hearts that we will be united in Christ whose meal we celebrate.

SERVING ON OCTOBER 3

*ELDERS*

8:15 am

Marlo Quick, Barb Hayes

10:15 am

Becca Widmer, Ron Wise

*DIACONATE*

8:15 am

Julia Arnold, Eve Gorman, Roger Moll,
Sue Brey

10:45 am

Jenny Baitz, John Bohlen, Christi Deck,
Ray Stover, Linda Stover, Holly Mathis,
Katie Moll, Roger Moll

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Eve Gorman, Diane Bohlen,
John Bohlen (October 3 and 10)

LAY WORSHIP

October
John Ohneck

SERVING OCTOBER 10

*ELDERS*

8:15 am

Marlene Crouse, Kathy Cron

10:45 am

Dick Me, Jean McGrew

*DIACONATE*

8:15 am

Julia Arnold, Betty Grimm,
Eve Gorman, Linda Deck

10:45 am

Evelyn Yeoman, Nora Allen, Sue Brickley,
Orie McDougle, Marilyn McDougle,
Shari Grier, Estel Vandergriff,
David Brooks

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Eve Gorman, Diane Bohlen, John Bohlen

*HOMEBOUND COMMUNION*

Charlie Hatten, Linda Deck, Marlo Quick,
Christi Deck, Becca Widmer, Holly Mathis
Ron Wise, Evelyn Yeoman

LAY WORSHIP

October
John and Kris Ohneck

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# Tidings

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In Memory of Dorothy Green - Member at FCC since November 1926

## At the feeder again . . .

Bird feeding isn't all that old, you know....only about 100 years. According to the legend a New England woman named ?????????? started experimenting with bird feed in her back yard. Up to that point birds were only valued commercially for their plumage. Today, according to ??????, more than 30 Million Americans feed birds.

Birds make good evangelists.

Nora and I stopped at Hall's at the Triangle Park. I'm sure you all know that they'll give you buckets of bread to feed the ducks.....Never saw so many ducks so hungry as I saw them that day.....But there was a problem.....As soon as the food started to hit the water the carp started gathering. The carp became so numerous that the ducks were literally standing on their backs.

It was amazing....I suppose fish feeding will be the next big thing.

Sort of reminds me of our contemporary worship experience.....NO....THE PEOPLE ARE NOT CARPS! It's fun.....exciting.....engaging.... I sure wish you come join us at that feeder sometimes. You'd have a blast....everybody wants more....more....maybe they are carps after all.

A funny thing happened in September. Everyone brought chicken. We had fried chicken, baked chicken, and chicken with rice.....We decided you could have whatever you wanted just so long as it was.....well you know....it was fun. Learned about worshipful work there too.....even did a little.

Well this month we're going to work on some new music and try out a few new ideas. Why don't you bring your chicken along and join the fun. We're

still learning about how to do this type of worship, so it's never the same....So, come join us.....or are you chicken?

Feeding on the Love of Christ, Neil

## NEW CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Christian Children's Fellowship (CCF) has begun. It was awesome. The fun and excitement was felt by all. CCF is a group for children in grades 1-6 who would like to participate in the five areas of ministry we will be doing together.

1. Fellowship - that's all the fun stuff.
2. Music - That's fun too - Handbells and Choir
3. Education/Worship - Gosh, we've even found a way to make this fun!
4. Creative Experiences - Crafts and Other expressions of creativity
5. Service projects - Guess what? Yes - MORE FUN

Here are the dates for our next meetings. Note that some of the activities are not ready for publication, but soon will be. Hope to see you there!

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Amy Carpenter
Americus Foster & Jessica
Aloma Jarves
Barb Richardson & Jaimee
Mallorie Theurer Joshua Jones
d'Anglo Coleman Sahron Matther

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***Welcome!***

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Tammy Deck on the birth of her daughter - Alexandria McKenn
On October 1 at 7:10 am.. Mom, Grandm
Linda and all of the Aunts are doing just fine.

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Welcome Little One !

## THANK YOU

***Shrubs Trimmed***
A very special thank you goes to Bob Smith for the nice trimming job on the bushes at FCC. Sandy's blisters will be healed soon. Pastor Allen says he knew that Bob could handle this job because Bob has always been a cut-up!

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## DID YOU KNOW????

***Cornucopia***
"Starter" canned goods are needed on Saturday,
November 6th for the set-up of the Cornucopia. If you can assist in the early start-up please bring your starter items to the church office. *Also* please don't forget your canned goods on November 7 and for Area Assembly Novemb14th.

***Week of Ministry***
Each October a week is set aside to celebrate the ministry and left up the vocation of ministry in the Christian Church (DOC). This year the theme is "From God's Heart to Human Hands".

On October 17, we will be lifting up the ministry during the worship services. We want to take this opportunity to say 'THANK YOU" TO Pastor Neil Allen for his 16 year ministry and to celebrate the past year he has spent with First Christian Church. And to say "THANK YOU" to George Bruckman, A Timothy of First Christian Church and currently a member of the staff.

There will be a special display in Fellowship Hall honoring the ministry during the coffee hour.

***Kids-to-Kids Project***
Dr. William Graham will be making a mission trip to the Dominican Republic in October. He will be able to take ***small***, unbreakable items for the children there. We are asking our children to bring small articles such as crayons, small coloring books, matchbox cars, tiny dolls, hair barrettes, little girl's non-valuable jewelry (no earrings). Items need to be brought to the church office by October 20th.

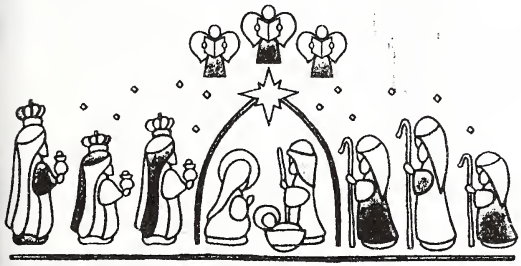
Additional note: Dr and Mrs Graham are leaving October 28th for a two week medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic. If any in the congregation would like to support this project, please mark your envelope or check "Mission Trip".

***Workshop***
A workshop will be held on Saturday, October 23 at Grace St. John's UCC, 4120 S. Webster, FW on "Scriptures Alive". The workshop will be presented by Rev. Julia Goodall, and will focus on ways to bring Scripture to life through diction, inflection of the voice and dramatic presentation. For information and reservations call 745-4951. Cost is $10.00 per person and that includes lunch. 

***Bible Study***
There will be a very special Advent Bible Study and Worship in December. The dates are 1, 8, 15 & 22, the time will be from 6 - 7:30 pm.. Watch future Tidings and Sunday worship bulletins for additional information.

***Bible Display***
On November 7 in the Narthex at FCC we will have a Gideon Bible display. Please stop by.

***Nativity Display***
For the FCC Walk to Bethlehem and Nativity display on December 10 & 11 we will have the honor of displaying nativities from local nativity manufacturers, Jerry and Ann Krieder. Jerry & Ann live in Columbia City and their personal collection numbers over 400 sets.



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***Hanging of the Greens***
The Worship Ministry Team will be having a special meeting on Saturday, November 27 from 8 - 12 noon, with a rehearsal for Hanging of the Greens at 11am. A second rehearsal will be on Sunday, November 28 at 10 am. The actual Hanging of the greens will be on Sunday, November 28 during second worship service.

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## *COLUMBIA COLLEGE*
Columbia College is a private, four-year residential college offering both men and women undergraduate and

# *An INVITATION From Your Friends*

FOR THE FUN DRESS-UP PART OF HALLOWEEN - J
TRICK OR TREATING (FROM THE DECORATED TRUNKS

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ( Dad's, Mom's, Grandpa's, Gran

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*First Christian Church  4800 South Calhoun Street  744-3239*

R A TAILGATE PARTY WITH ***FUN and SAFE***
ON OUR PARKING LOT)

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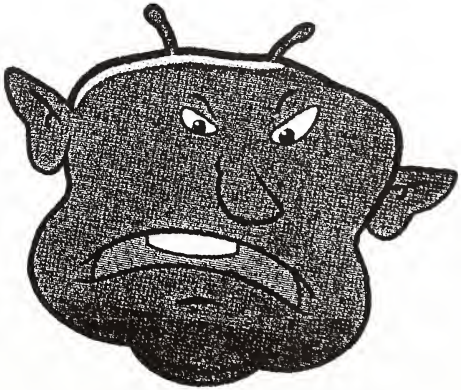

graduate degrees in the liberal arts and sciences.

Columbia college has enjoyed an affiliation by covenant with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) since its founding in 1851 as Christian Female college. Many opportunities exist on and off campus for students to seek spiritual growth through organizations, activities and fellowships. Students also can participate in more than 30 student organizations, intramural sports and award-winning NAIA Division 1 athletics.

With a student-to-faculty ratio of 14:1, students receive quality instruction in small, interactive classes taught by professors, not teaching assistants.

Columbia college is nestled among 30 picturesque acres in the heart of Columbia, which is conveniently located about 125 miles from both St Louis and Kansas city. The city of Columbia is a culturally diverse community that is home to three higher education institutions. Students enjoy big city amenities with small city comforts in "College town, U.S.A.".

Columbia college offers degrees within the Department of Art; Business Administration; Computer and Information Sciences; Criminal Justice Administration and Social work; Education; History and social Sciences; Humanities and Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

The *Student Guide to America's 100 Best College Scholarships: 2000* lists Columbia college as one of the top-rated colleges with the lowest costs. Most students receive some type of financial assistance through scholarships, awards or financial aid, including a Disciples of Christ award.

Columbia college is fully accredited by the North Central Association of colleges and Schools. The college serves 850 students in the traditional day program and 7,500 non-traditional students in the evening program in Columbia and at 22 extended studies sites across the country.

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**GLOBAL MINISTRIES**

***Yes, You can make a difference!***
Thanks to the contributions of congregations of the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (DOC) in the United States and Canada, the

group of 50 new houses is being
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information for potential work
teams is provided as well.

If your congregation is interested in participating please contact Raquel Rodiquez at the Latin American/Caribbean office, P.O. 1986, Indy, 46206-1986.

A video describing the work being accomplished in Honduras through the Recuperation Plan will be available in the Latin American/Caribbean office. Please inquire about its availability.

**WEEK OF COMPASSION**

Hurricane Floyd has fled but in its wake has left behind some of the worst flooding ever in the eastern U.S.. Eastern North Carolina is experiencing a massive humanitarian, economic, agricultural and environmental disaster. More than 40 people have been killed; as many as 50,000 homes could be affected; and economic losses are in excess of $6 billion. The situation is worsened by waters contaminated with animal and human waste, debris and toxic chemicals.

Tarheel Disciples have not been spared. At least 20 of our congregations have been impacted, including the historic St. Luke's Church in Princeville which was completely submerged. More than 200 Disciples homes have been damaged, many of them destroyed. Few had flood insurance. Also, Disciples are

working tirelessly to aid flood victims in scores of communities.

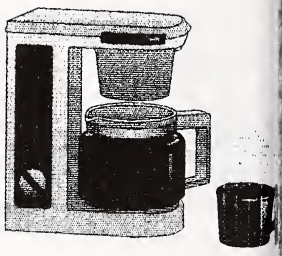
WOC immediately rushed $40,000 to the regional office to assist with needs in congregations and local communities. Another grant was made to Church world Service to organize and support local interfaith relief and recovery efforts. Monetary contributions are urgently needed and will be used in their entirety for flood relief. Volunteer work groups will have ample opportunities for years to come. Please check the WOC website (www.disciples.org/woc) for mor information and ways to help.

At the same time, WOC is also responding to earthquake victims in Taiwan and Turkey, the shooting in Fort Worth, the crisis in East Timor and Kosovo, and many, many more places of human need and suffering.

Blessings,
John Wray, WOC Office

***COFFEE HOUR HAS RETURNED***

Coffee Hour will be after 2nd worship as in the past. Please check the board in Fellowship Hall and sign up. Then come on down and have a cup and get warmed up before going out in the cold.



## *ALTAR FLOWERS*

To complete the year 1999 with altar flowers, the following dates are open:

October 17, 24 and 31
November 28
December 5, 12 & 26

If you would like to designate flowers for one of the above dates, please contact the church office.

## LEASE REMEMBER OUR HUT-INS

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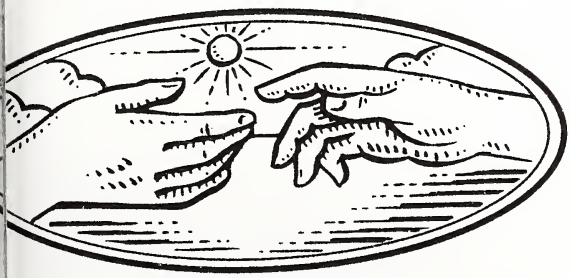

## PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS and LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS

Carolyn Arnold - Brain Tumor - Daughter of Emma Phillips

Kathlyn Banet

Ilene Blauvelt - Parkview Hospital- Room 451-1

Wendy Blauvelt -Partial lung removal

Virginia Bruckman - Second Hip Replacement. Doing great.

Harold Cline - All clear from Dr. Reports back in 6 months.

Ruby Cline - At home. Cancer treatments.

Andy Cook – Courtland Nursing Home 3555 Spy Run Extended - 46805 - Room 308 (Temporary address)

Reba Fusselman

Gladys Harshbarger - At Home

Vera Hutson - Mother of Richard Hutson

Susan Knuckles - Special prayers.

Betty Lanning - Cancer - (Sister to Sue Brickley)

Dick Mey - Knee replacement. At home now - *Pray for Judy!*

Charlie McGrew

Jean McGrew - At Home

Lola Miller

Wilma Miller

Anne Moore - Grandmother of Monica - still in hospital.

Elinor Place - Foot surgery Monday October 11th.

Barb Rumpel - Awaiting Transplant

Justin Rumpel

Tony Rumpel

Wilbur Snook - Awaiting news.

Laura York

Janet Weicker - Prayers for Comfort

Charles Wrisk - Hospice Care at home.

SERVING ON OCTOBER 17

*ELDERS*

8:15 am

Anne Moll, Marlo Quick

10:15 am

Donna Heimann, Larry Brey

*DIACONATE*

8:15 am

Eve Gorman, Diane Bohlen, Kristian Scott, Julia Arnold

10:45 am

Greg Baitz, Jenny Baitz, Sue Brey, Christi Deck, Linda Deck, Ray Stover, Linda Stover, Holly Mathis

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Greg Baitz, Jenny Baitz, Sally Rudy (October 17 & 24)

LAY WORSHIP

October

John & Kris Ohneck

SERVING OCTOBER 24

*ELDERS*

8:15 am

Barb Hayes, Marlene Crouse

10:45 am

John Ohneck, Charlie Hatten

*DIACONATE*

8:15 am

Roger Moll, Julia Arnold, Betty Grimm, Nora Allen

10:45 am

Katie Moll, Evelyn Yeoman, Sue Brickley, Orie McDougle, Marilyn McDougle, Shari Grier, Lori Vandergriff, David Brooks

*COMMUNION PREPARATION*

Greg Baitz, Jenny Baitz, Sally Rudy

*HOMEBOUND COMMUNION*

Larry Brey, John Bohlen, Kathy Cron, Sue Brey, Dick Mey, Kristian Scott

LAY WORSHIP

October - John and Kris Ohneck

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# Tidings

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In Memory of Charles Wrisk-
Member at FCC since August,
1964

## Area Assembly

*First Christian Church of Ft Wayne is hosting the Northern Lights Area Assembly on Sunday, November 14th with registration beginning at 2 pm.*
*We are the hosts - we should have the biggest attendance!*

*Our theme will be "Christian Higher Education" among the Disciples of Christ. It will be a fun filled afternoon with Dr. Terry Ewing, Chaplain at Eureka College. He is a dynamic speaker and will thoroughly enlighten and entertain you. There will be "Fun-shops" (not workshops) to create innovative presentations about Disciple Colleges, and a creative engaging worship experience following our evening meal. Child care will be provided. The day promises to be something you will not soon forget.*

***NOTICE:*** *We are having a dinner served that evening. Either Swiss Steak or Meat Loaf; each with twice baked potato, vegetable, salad, harvard beets, rolls, drink, pies or cake for dessert.*

***YOU MUST CALL YOUR RESERVATION AND DINNER CHOICE IN NO LATER THAN MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH. (744-3239)***

*The cost of the meal is $6.00 per person.*

*P.S. Don't forget your canned goods donation for the food bank cornucopia.*

## At the feeder again . . .

Heard a fellow bird feeder and preacher once say, "We know we should give until it hurts but some of us must have a low tolerance for pain."

"Ouch, that hurt!" I said. I had to admit he was right. From that point on, I've worked to improve my personal giving.

However, in the past few months since I've been your pastor, I have come to know that many of you must have a high tolerance for pain, because your giving has been very good. Many of you send in your support without prompting. Without looking at the records, I can sense that many of you give sacrificially. I think you're wonderful. I tell everyone I know how much I love this congregation.....and I do love you very much. I pray thanksgiving to God for all of you.

That's why it pains me to ask if you can take your giving level one notch higher. Can you give any deeper? Can you stretc to another notch? If you can, we might b able to keep our present staffing.....we might be able to continue our outreach giving and our work with youth.....we might even be able to get past the maintenance mode and do some over and above ministry.

Vernon Graham says that there are over 20,000 people in our city and surrounding communities that need assistance. There are some 6,000 families at or below the poverty line. These are the number of working class poor in our very community It would be nice to help these folks more than we do. It would also be nice to have extra staffing to help in areas of youth and Christian Education. Could we do that? Could you take it up a notch to help make these things happen?
I hate requests for money. I get them ever day, and from almost every angle. In man cases I have to say "no, I am unable to meet every need and fill every void." But know there are many ways I can help and I do try to stretch my giving higher and higher each year. So, as I'm asking you to take it up a notch, I'm also asking myself.

Continued.....

ok into my blessings and I see I can do
e more notch, that I've not hit that
earable pain level yet. All I ask is if
u will join me?

urs in Christ,
Your Pastor and Friend.

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ed me if I could take their food up
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l that they would be bringing their
nds if I did. I added a second feeder
sure enough the number of finches
bled.

he past month I have noticed that I
ld easily add yet another feeder, but I
wondering if anyone else out there is
to help. The needs are great and the
s would really love it.

nks.....Feeding Abundantly on the love
hrist,
Neil

## Visitors
October 17 & 24

Bob Williams - Guest organist.
Diane White, Deidre Parker and
Demarcus, Darius and Devlon Tate

Sylvia Musser
Gaynl & Ed Godfrey
Doug Oberlin
Pascal St. Clair
QuantieColeman

Rachel Green
Carrie Wagner (Janice's Mother)

We hope to see you again very
soon!!!
Welcome!

## Ministry Team Meetings

November 3 - Worship - To discuss T.W.W. - 7 pm

November 16 - Christian Education- 8:30 - 10:30 am

November 16 - Evangelism Ministry - 7 pm

## What's Happening Now . .

November 2 - Election Board - Fellowship Hall 6 am - 8 pm.

November 2 - Elders Carry-In dinner at Allen's -Time to be announced.

November 6 - mom's on mission Workshop. 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

November 6 - Annual Bazaar - West Creighton CC 845 W. Creighton Avenue. Snack Bar 10 am - 1:30 pm - Bazaar all day. Beef-n-Noodles or Ham Loaf dinner 4-6:30 pm. Dinner: adults $5 children under 12 $2.50.

November 7 - Don't Forget Canned Goods for cornucopia.

November 7 - CCF (Christian Children's Fellowship) 4-6 pm "Rake-N-Run".

November 9 - Cabinet Meeting 6:30 pm

November 9 - Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:30 pm

November 13 - Luncheon to Honor Kris Ohneck - 1 pm. See article this Tidings.

November 14 - Area Assembly. Don't forget Canned Goods. See article this Tidings.

November 16 - Walk to Bethlehem Meeting - 7 pm

November 17 - T.W.W. 6-7:30 pm

November 19 & 20 - Decorating, rehearsal and wedding.

November 21 - Harvest Dinner following second worship service.

November 21 - Associated Churches Millennium Celebration at the Grand Wayne - 2,000 Christians to Celebrate the Mission and Ministry of Jesus Christ - 3 pm.

WEDNESDAY,
November 24 - Special day for Choir practice.

November 27 -See article regarding Hanging of the Greens rehearsal.

## THANK YOU

To all of my friends at FCC. Thank you all for the many cards, calls, food and prayers during the time of my knee surgery.

Thank you all.
Dick Mey

There are no words adequate enough to express our gratitude for all that you have done for us. Thank you for the prayers for my niece, Wendy. I am happy to report that so far they have not had to remove the lower lobe of her lung. She goes back to be reevaluated in December. Thank you for the cards, vists, and prayers for my mother, Ilene Bauvelt. She is finally

turning to her home on Thursday, ctober 28. She is much stronger and tting back to her old ornery self. I also ant to thank you for the many gifts that u showered upon Alexandria Makenna en before her birth. We has some terrific eals brought into our home as well, but ost of all I want to thank you for the love, ceptance, support and encouragement at you have shown us all since the first ne we set foot inot First Christian urch. I am so glad to know that akenna will be growing up in a Church mily that will provide her eiwht so much ve and compassion. You are what makes hard times easier and the good times en better. I hope that God shed his many ssings on all of you because you truly serve them. You are all very special ople to us. Thank you again.

Yours in Christ,
Linda Deck

ank you so much for your graciousness l for all of the gifts. I know that I could have gotten through all that I have hout such a loving Church Family. It is nice to know that there are so many ople waiting with open arms and love for kenna. I only hope that I can give back much to you as you have given to me. er is no other church Family that i would ner belong to. Thank you again.

In Christ's love and ours
Tammy and Makenna Deck

Dear Friends

Thank you for your interest in our "Kids to Kids" project. We appreciate your contributions to the project. I am sure our efforts will help to put smiles on a lot of little faces.

Sincerely,
Monia Alexander
North Christian Church

## DID YOU KNOW????

***Cornucopia***

"Starter" canned goods are needed on Saturday,
November 6th for the set-up of the Cornucopia. If you can assist in the early start-up please bring your starter items to the church office. *Also* please don't forget your canned goods on November 7 and for Area Assembly Novemb14th

***D.M.A.***

November meeting for D.M.A. will be at FCC on the SECOND TUESDAY (Nov 9th) with a carry-in luncheon. The guest speaker will be Cathy Pargmann from the Ft Wayne Parks Dept. Cathy will give a talk (with slide presentation) on our parks. Don't forget the 2nd. Tuesday this time!

***Bible Study***

There will be a very special Advent Bible Study and Worship in December. The dates are 1, 8, 15 & 22, the time will be from 6 - 7:30 pm.. Watch future Tidings and Sunday worship bulletins for additional information.

*ble Display*
ı November 7 in the Narthex at FCC we ll have a Gideon Bible display. Please ıp by.

*ıtivity Display*
r those of you that will be lending your tivity sets to FCC for the 1999 Walk to :thlehem-Nativity Display, ***please mark*** ***ch piece, the boxes or containers clearly*** they can be returned to you. Please have :m to the church no later than 12 noon on ıursday, December 9 (earlier in the week possible). You will be able to take your tivity home after second service on :ecember 12th.

lso for the FCC 1999 Walk to Bethlehem ıd Nativity display on December 10 & 11 e will have the honor of displaying ıtivities from local nativity anufacturers, Jerry and Ann Krieder. rry & Ann live in Columbia City and eir personal collection numbers over 400 ts.

*T.W.W.*
Third Wednesday Worship just keeps getting better and better. Your opportunity to take part will come again on November 17th. Carry-in dinner, wonderful fellowship, joyous worship. Don't be left out!

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 PM

***Hanging of the Greens***
The Worship Ministry Team will be having a special meeting on Saturday, November 27 from 8 - 12 noon, with a rehearsal for Hanging of the Greens at 11am. A second rehearsal will be on Sunday, November 28 at 10 am. The actual Hanging of the Greens will be on Sunday, November 28 during second worship service.

***Adventure Club/Project Reads***
Children and Mentors are meeting again on Thursday afternoons after school 3:45 - 5 pm. Please come to help a child enjoy reading. Mentors are urgently needed.

***Our Adult Choir meets Thursdays at 7 pm.***
Janice is always looking for new voices. Come join us, we have just started the Christmas Cantata.. (Special Wednesday practice on November 24th)

***Adult Bell Choir***
Adult bell choir will meet on each Thursday, beginning October 28, from 5:45 - 6:45 pm. Come be a "Ringer and Singer" for FCC. We Need You!!!

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eld Saturday, November 6
- 4 pm. Cost is $40.00.
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holidays.

WOMEN'S
MINISTRY

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spent in Regional women's
Christian church, Disciples of
has finished a four year term
of Christian Women's

be limited as Casa D'Angelo's
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lable for selection. The
ie monies will be given to the
ment Fund in Kris Ohneck's
ay of showing our appreciation
on for ministry to women in

the name of Christ. If you cannot attend the luncheon, you may make a contribution to the Endowment fund.

Payment MUST accompany reservations and the deadline is Monday, November 8th.

***Reception***
There will be a reception held by the Regional Board on November 15 from 3:30 - 5 pm at the Interchurch Center, 1100 W. 42nd. Street, Indy.
To honor Joel Duffeld on the conclusion of 15 years of ministry as the Area Minister for Kentuckian Disciples Area. If you are unable to attend, cards and letters may be sent to Joel at 5115 North Shoreline Drive, Floyds Knobs, IN 47119.

***Prayer Chain***
Would any one be interested in helping out with the FCC Prayer Chain? Requirements are that you would have to make one call. The need is great and our prayer chain works - but we need helpers. If you are interested, please contact
Evelyn Yeoman - 489-2349

***Living Cross***
Anyone interested in attending the performance of "The Living Cross" during the Easter Season call Rosie Krull at 432-6181 or Evelyn Yeoman at 489-2349. Please advise ASAP so that ticket orders may be turned in.

*Christian Children's Fellowship*
A very special CCF will be on December 19th from 4 pm to ??????. The young people of CCF will be caroling and drivers are needed. If you would be interested in helping out by furnishing part of the transportation on the 19th, please call the church office.

*Free Concert*
"Fusion of Concert Colors. The FW Philharmonic. 3 pm Embassy Centre - Call 744-1700 for free tickets.

## *Higher Education*
Tougaloo College - Jackson, Mississippi

Founded in 1869 by the American Missionary Association, Tougaloo College was chartered on the principle that it "be accessible to all irrespective of their religious tenets, and conducted on the most liberal principles for the benefit of our citizens in general." Six years after Tougaloo's founding, the Home Missionary society of the disciples of Christ obtained a charter from the Mississippi State Legislature to establish a school in Edwards, Mississippi, to be known as southern Christian Institute. As the two schools had similar ideals and objectives, the supporting denominations completed the merger of the institutions in 1954.

As a small, historically-black, private, coeducational institution, Tougaloo has won national respect for its high academic standards and level of social commitment. The college reached its ultimate in social commitment during the turbulent years of the 1960's. "Tougaloo has a proud reputation for civil rights leadership and academic excellence..." - Congressman Bennie Thompson - class of 1968.

Touglaloo offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities including men's and women's basketball; fraternities and sororities; choir, theater and a host of social clubs. The college provides an undergraduate curriculum designed to encourage students to apply critical thought to all areas of life; to acquire a basic knowledge of the humanities, the natural sciences, and the social sciences; to develop skills required in selected professions; and to provide leadership in a democratic society and in a changing world. The campus is located on West County Line road on the northern edge of the city of Jackson, Mississippi.

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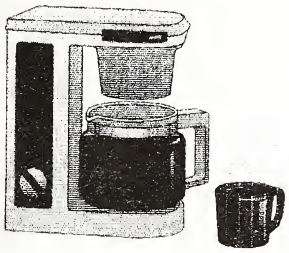

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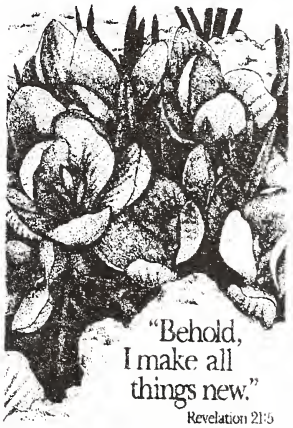
*ALTAR FLOWERS*

To complete the year 1999 with altar flowers, the following dates are open:

October 31
December 5

If you would like to designate flowers for one of the above dates, please contact the church office.

Also the Altar Flower designation sign-up list is available for the year 2000. If you have a special date that you would like to designate Altar Flowers, please contact church office.
The cost is $20.00.



## *What is our Indiana Youth Commission?*

### *What does the Indiana Youth Commission do:*

- ☞ Plan and produce CYF Assembly: usually a November weekend event.
- ☞ Plan and produce a Chi Rho event: Usually a spring Saturday-Sunday event.
- ☞ Represent youth of our region on Regional Cabinet and Regional Board.
- ☞ Help facilitate regional youth participation at regional and general assemblies.
- ☞ Assist in other youth ministry as needed.

### *What does the Indiana Youth Commission meet?*

- ☞ Retreat: usually Friday-Saturday, 2nd. Week of June; new people begin their terms.
- ☞ A Saturday in August, usually on site of the forthcoming CYF Assembly
- ☞ The Friday night prior to CYF Assembly, through the end of CYF Assembly.
- ☞ a Mid-winter retreat; usually Friday night - Saturday, mid January.
- ☞ The Friday night prior to the Chi Rho event, through the end of Thi Rho event.
- ☞ Small task teams meet to work in between meetings.

## *Walk to Bethlehem*

You will find the sign up sheets for Walk to Bethlehem in Fellowship Hall, ready and waiting for your signature. Want to try something different this year? Want to contribute for the first time? This is a great way to experience Advent, not just watch it go by in a rush of activities that really do not have any spiritual meaning.

Walk to Bethlehem draws you into the very heart of the good news, :For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life."

Participating in Walk to Bethlehem is a way to witness to your Christian faith and to let the world know that God's message of love and forgiveness is being demonstrated at 4800 South Calhoun Street on December 10 and 11.
Some items that are needed:

Crocks
Baskets
Dried Herbs.

Please help search for missing costume pieces, such as white gloves and white hats. Did you take them home last year by mistake?

Watch the Tidings for additional requests and sign-up NOW!!!

## PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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| Millers Merry Manor | Garland Flickinger |
| Regency Place of FW | Bernice Montgomery |
| Renaissance Village | Kathlyn Banet |
| Riverbend | Lou Simmons |
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| Helen Jordan | 432 - 1848 |
| Virginia Pfluger | 489 - 6148 |
| Ethel Richhart | 422 - 7959 |
| Lila Russell | 483 - 8272 |
| Coleen Wilcoxson | 456 - 8138 |

NOTICE:

Christi Deck will do baby sitting in her home. If you need a reliable baby sitter, please give Christi a call at 456-2663.

If anyone that does baby sitting would be interested in letting others know, give the church office a call.

## PLEASE REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS

Carolyn Arnold - Brain Tumor - Daughter of Emma Phillips

Kathlyn Banet

Ilene Blauvelt - At home

Wendy Blauvelt

Virginia Bruckman

Harold Cline & Ruby Cline.

Andy Cook – Courtland Nursing Home 3555 Spy Run Extended - 46805 - Room 308 (Temporary address)

Reba Fusselman

Janette Grier

Gladys Harshbarger - At Home

Vera Hutson - Mother of Richard Hutson

Donna Knech - Sister of Doris Snook

Carolyn Kneart - Surgery

Susan Knuckles - Special prayers.

Betty Lanning - Cancer - (Sister to Sue Brickley)

Mildred Meese

Dick Mey

Charlie McGrew & Jean McGrew

Lola Miller

Glenn & Wilma Miller

Anne Moore - Grandmother of Monica - still in hospital.

Harold Nordblum - Surgery. Home now.

Elinor Place - Foot is healing.

John Richardson - Auto Accident

Pastor Bill Riggs - Hip Replacement.

Tony & Barb Rumpel

Wilbur Snook

Jason Stabler - Step Father of John Ohneck

Laura York - Sight still not up to par.

Janet Weicker - Prayers for Comfort

Wayne Whitworth - Not related to previous illness.

## SERVING ON OCTOBER 31

*ELDERS*

8:15 am

**Anne Moll, Kathy Cron**

10:15 am

Judy Church, Ron Wise

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8:15 am

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# Tidings

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## Area Assembly...
## Sunday, November 14th.

he biggest question we have for you is wiss Steak or Meat Loaf? I hope it's ot a question of whether or not you'll e there. We are the hosts. Let's have a *od* showing!

## t the feeder again . . .

ne of my favorite camp skits goes like is....."One short necked buzzard. One ort necked buzzard. Sitting in a dead ee....." The kid that sang it this year most looked like a short necked zzard. Everyone laughed until they oked.

well, I guess you had to be ere.....which is true of most things.

emember the time a sparrow and my l-bellied woodpecker teamed up on an-spirited blue jay, it was a moment bird-history. Blue jays are not ustomed to getting grief from rrows. It was a moment for all small birds in the history of small birds, and I was there to see it.

I feel fortunate, blessed at times by being in the right place at the right time.
A group of blue birds circled the house at several hundred miles per hour. Diving just over the high tension lines they hit the after burners directly over my head. It was the Blue Angles. I could have shaken the man's hand as he went by, but I just managed to get my fingers in my ears before going totally deaf. Now that was a moment.

Looked out the back window the other day and there sat a tanager. A real live tanager. I nearly dropped my peanut butter and jelly on the carpet. I hadn't seen one of those since Fred Flintstone and I were eating breakfast on his back patio. I sat there for twenty minutes watching her eat. She was beautiful. Tanagers are the Marilyn Monroe of ground feeders.

Sometimes there is absolutely no substitute to being there.....where ever

there is.....

It was on the day of Pentecost when the rush of wind came from heaven. Fortunately for Peter he had decided not to take a personal day. Fortunately for Peter he had not slept in that morning. Fortunately for Peter, he was in the upper room with the other believers when God and a friendly fire dropped by for a mid-morning visit. There's a vote for not phoning it in.

What a joy to be in church lately. Those special moments have been happening with such regularity that I scarce can take in all that God is doing. The Sunday when we lit the candles for the Saints of the church that died this past year, was just one of those special moments. Then there was the day that Jean McGrew gave that riveting testimony. You could have heard a humming bird burp.

That's why, if you're looking for me, I'll be at the Feeder again....

Feeding on the Love of Christ, and waiting for the next moment when God visits the church.

Neil

***"....And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, 'This is my beloved Son; listen to him.' And suddenly looking around they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only." Mark 9:7-8***

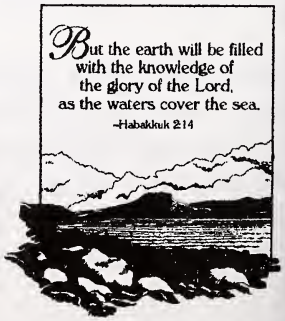
## *Visitors*

### *October 31 and November 7*

*Eleanor Lyons - Guest Pianist*
*Doug Speakman - Guest Organist*
*Lillie Bodine - Guest Pianist*
*Doug Oberlin*
*Diane Taylor*
*Amy Carpenter*
*Amanda Shepherd*
*Tom and Sharon Fortenberry (Becca's Parents)*
*Dorothy Theron Shousa*
*Ray and Karen Kuqkindall*
*Deb Spillers*
*James and Elizabeth Cron (Jim's Parents)*
*Ed and Gaynel Murphy*
*Sylvia Musser*
*Bob Henschen (with Gideon's)*
*Nico Baker*
*Pascal St. Clair*
*Juan Coleman*

*We hope to see you again very soon!!!*

*Welcome!*



## Ministry Team Meetings

November 16 - Christian Education- :30 - 10:30 am

November 16 - Evangelism - 7 pm

November 22 - Fellowship - 6:30 pm

November 30 - Worship - 7 pm

December 6 - Property - 7 pm

## What's Happening Now . .

ovember 13 - Luncheon to Honor Kris hneck - 1 pm. See article this Tidings.

ovember 14 - Area Assembly. Don't rget Canned Goods. See article this idings.

ovember 16 - Walk to Bethlehem Meeting pm

ovember 17 - T.W.W. Come Celebrate the ing of Kings! 6-7:30 pm

ovember 19 & 20 - Decorating, rehearsal id wedding.

ovember 21 - Harvest Dinner following cond worship service - See IMPORTANT otice on back page of this Tidings.

ovember 21 - Associated Churches illennium Celebration at the Grand Wayne 2,000 Christians to Celebrate the Mission id Ministry of Jesus Christ - 3 pm.

November 27 -See article regarding Hanging of the Greens rehearsal.

## THANK YOU

Dear Friends

I want you all to know how much I appreciate the warm reception I had Sunday on my first time back. I have missed you.

Thanks for all of the beautiful cards and words of encouragement and all of your prayers.

God bless you all.
Virginia Bruckman

Dear Friends at FCC

Thank you so much for your wonderful donation of pillows this week. We have been in need of pillows for some time. All of us here at the Rescue Mission appreciate you support as a way of sharing in the Mission's ministry. Our residents are especially grateful for your gift.

Please let me know if you need any information about our services or would like to come and visit our facility.

Sincerely in Christ,
James A Dance, D. Min.
Executive Director, Men's Division
FW Rescue Mission

*Note: Retired FCC secretary Edna Vaught celebrated her 105th. Birthday. FCC received the following note in response to the flowers that were sent from us all...*

Dear Friends at FCC
Thank you so very much for the very beautiful dish garden arrangement honoring Edna Vaught's 105th. Birthday. There were delicate white daisies placed among the variety of lush green plants. Mother touched the flowers and plants, her way of "seeing" them. She was very pleased to be remembered and asked me to send her thanks to all.

A shower of cards from friends at First Christian also gave her much happiness. May I add my heartfelt thanks to everyone for helping mother have a lovely day.

In Christ's love,
Agnes Stauffer (Edna's daughter)

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## WHOOPS

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Sometimes secretaries publish incorrect information. I would like to correct the error that I made in the spelling of our new little ones name. The following is correct.

**Alexzandria Makenna Deck**

I checked with her personally this morning and she gave me the correct spelling. (P.S. I like the way she spells her name much better than the way I had it spelled.) My apologies to Makenna and her mom.

pb

## ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

**Please see very important announcement on back cover.**

## DID YOU KNOW????

***Kris Ohneck Benefit Luncheon***
If you have not turned in your $12.00 reservation for the Kris Ohneck Benefit Luncheon, please do so NOW! The luncheon is being held at Casa D'Angelo's on Fairfield Avenue at 1 pm Saturday (November 13) at 1 pm. The Indiana Women's Endowment Fund will receive a gift of money from First Christian Church in honor of Kris' many years of ministry in regional women's work. If you cannot attend the luncheon, you may make a contribution towards a gift.

***Book Sale***

Book Sale in the Board Room There will be over 125 books for sale on November 14th as part of the Area Assembly and also on November 21st in coordination with the Harvest Dinner. The books come from the Christian Board of Publication in St. Louis. The books will be on display in the Board room and will include a wide variety of interests such as children's books, inspirational, seasonal, Christmas, counseling, parenting and youth ministry. *This is a great opportunity to start your early Christmas Shopping!*

***Cornucopia***

Please don't forget your canned goods on November 14 for Area Assembly.

***Spaghetti Dinner***

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana, Inc are sponsoring an All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner (prepared by Casa D'Angelo's) on November 14 from 11 am until 7 pm. With carry out available. The address is Concordia High School, ..... 1601 St Joe River Drive. Cost is Adults $6, Seniors $4 (65+), Children $4 ages 6-12, under 6 years old free. For more information and or tickets call 456-1600.

***Public Speakers***

The Salvation Army has speakers that can schedule a presentation at your club or organization. In their presentation you will be invited to join in their efforts to help ring the bell at area stores at our Christmas Kettles. The Red Kettle has been a Christmas tradition in the USA for 100 years. All of the funds you raise stay right here in Allen County to help the citizens of Allen County. Please contact Ruth Yorston at 744-2311 to schedule a time for a speaker, or a time and date that your group would like to ring.

***Thanksgiving Offering***

First Christian Church will have its Thanksgiving Offering on November 21st. Please think of those that are less fortunate than we, when making your Thanksgiving Offering.

***Advent Afternoon***

Children in Grades K-6 are invited to an afternoon of fun, learning and worship as we seek to discover the true meaning of Christmas. Advent Afternoon will be held Sunday, November 28, 1999 beginning at 2 pm until 4 pm at First Christian Church.

Continued . . .

There is no fee, but please call the church office to indicate your attendance. Children in CCF will stay until 5 pm to practice caroling.

***Disciple Magazine***
If you are interested in receiving a subscription to "The Disciple" magazine, please contact the church office for information. The cost is $20.00 for 1 year.

***Bible Study***
There will be a very special Advent Bible Study and Worship in December. The dates are 1, 8, 15 & 22, the time will be from 6 - 7:30 pm.. Watch future Tidings and Sunday worship bulletins for additional information.

***College Credit for High School Students***
Taylor University is offering classes to Juniors and Seniors in high school. This could be credit for college or high school depending on need. Credits do transfer - according to the flier. Cost is $75! Sounds like a good deal.....so call the enrollment office at 456-2111. Ask about the "Credits in Escrow" program and speak with your high school guidance counselor for advice.

***Christmas Poinsettia's***
It is almost time to order your Poinsettia for the Christmas Season. Please watch future issues of Tiding for additional information.

***T.W.W.***
Third Wednesday Worship just keeps getting better and better. Your opportunity to take part will come again on November 17th. Carry-in dinner, wonderful fellowship, joyous worship. Don't be left out!

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 PM

***Hanging of the Greens***
The Worship Ministry Team will be having a special meeting on Saturday, November 27 from 8 - 12 noon, with a rehearsal for Hanging of the Greens at 11am. A second rehearsal will be on Sunday, November 28 at 10 am. The actual Hanging of the Greens will be on Sunday, November 28 during second worship service.

***Adventure Club/Project Reads***
No more meetings until December 5. Then more Mentors will be needed for the 30 plus children enrolled.

***Our Adult Choir meets Thursdays at 7 pm.***
Janice is always looking for new voices. Come join us, we are working on the Christmas Cantata..

***Adult Bell Choir***
Adult bell choir will meet on each Thursday, beginning October 28, from 5:45 - 6:45 pm. Come be a "Ringer and Singer" for FCC. We Need You!!!

***Benefit Luncheon***
The Kris Ohneck Benefit Luncheon will be held November 13, 1999, at 1 pm at Casa D'Angelo's on Fairfield Avenue. This is an opportunity to say "Thank You" to Kris for her years spent in Regional women's work in the Christian church, Disciples of Christ. Kris has finished a four year term as President of Christian Women's Fellowship.

***Reception***
There will be a reception held by the Regional Board on November 15 from 3:30 - 5 pm at the Interchurch Center, 1100 W. 42nd. Street, Indy, to honor Joel Duffeld on the conclusion of 15 years of ministry as the Area Minister for Kentuckian Disciples Area. If you are unable to attend, cards and letters may be sent to Joel at 5115 North Shoreline Drive, Floyds Knobs, IN 47119.

***Prayer Chain***
Would any one be interested in helping out with the FCC Prayer Chain? Requirements are that you would have to make one call. The need is great and our prayer chain works - but we need helpers. If you are interested, please contact
Evelyn Yeoman - 489-2349

***Living Cross***
Anyone interested in attending the performance of "The Living Cross" during the Easter Season call Rosie Krull at 432-6181 or Evelyn Yeoman at 489-2349. Please advise ASAP so that ticket orders may be turned in.

***Christian Children's Fellowship***
A very special CCF will be on December 19th from 4 pm to ??????. The young people of CCF will be caroling and drivers are needed. If you would be interested in helping out by furnishing part of the transportation on the 19th, please call the church office.

***Free Concert***
Fusion of Concert Colors on November 21st. The FW Philharmonic. 3 pm Embassy Centre - Call 744-1700 for free tickets.

CULVER-STOCKTON

## Culver-Stockton College

***Higher Education***
Culver-Stockton College
Canton, Missouri
An education lasts a lifetime. At Culver-Stockton, our educational qualities have endured since 1853. We enjoy a distinctive focus, combining the personality of a traditional liberal arts environment with outstanding technology and practical learning experiences. Our heritage with the Christian church (Disciples of Christ) offers students a caring and supportive community. We remain a value among regional leaders, as our tuition places us among the most affordable programs of our type. Given our superb record, it's no wonder that Culver-Stockton was named one of "America's Best Christian Colleges" in 1999 and 2000.

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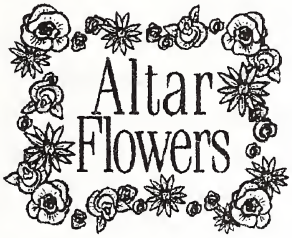
Advertised college costs represent only 78% of the total cost of educating a student, while the support of our alumni, friends, and other donors helps defray the costs through our endowment. Over 90% of Culver-Stockton students benefit from financial assistance.

Our residence halls offer a community of fellowship and friendship, within a safe and nurturing environment. Our church relationship offers students the opportunity to examine their own faith. More than one-quarter of our students

articipate in NAIS intercollegiate thletics, while roughly half join Greek rganizations. Our fine arts program is mong the finest in our region.
*ulver-Stockton college is related by covenant the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*




*LTAR FLOWERS*

December 5

f you would like to dedicate flowers or the above date, please contact the hurch office.

lso the Altar Flower dedication sign-p list is available for the year 2000. If ou have a special date that you would ke to dedicate Altar Flowers, please ontact church office. The cost is 20.00.

***TEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM***

ear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

he Stewardship Ministry Team would ke to express our appreciation for our faithful attention to the financial eeds of the many ministries of First hristian Church. Many of you have given over and above what you pledged or what you gave last year. Our ability to do the work of the church is dependent upon your tithes and offerings. Thank you for helping us make a difference in our neighborhood, city, and around the world for the cause of Christ.

The final two months of 1999 are filled with activities such as The Walk to Bethlehem, Angel Tree, Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is very important that each of us examines our giving and fulfills our 1999 pledge, as we are able. We have already begun a new campaign for 2000 and need to finish 1999 without a budget deficit.

Our giving for the first ten months of 1999 is down several thousand dollars from what was budgeted. This year has been a time of hardship for many people in our church family. There are many that are hurting right now. Some people pledged, but due to unexpected circumstances are unable to meet their pledges. If you are able to give any amount above your pledge to help meet these unanticipated difficulties, please consider doing so now. If you are unable to give more than what you have already given, please know that whatever you have given is appreciated very much. Through your offering of prayers and financial support, we can continue to be source of hope and

comfort to those in our congregation who are in need.

Again, thank you for being a part of what God is doing here at First Christian Church.

Yours in Christ,
Charles Hatten,
Stewardship Ministry Team
Leader

## *Global Ministries*

**"Everything had begun with so much hope."**

With these words, Global Ministries missionary John Campbell-Nelson began his first report of the voting in East Timor. John lives in West Timor where he teaches at a seminary. He went to East Timor as a translator and was among more than 2000 international and Indonesian observers of the referendum. The Sunday before the referendum he and others attended worship. "As we were shaking hands with the congregation afterward, a woman told the pastor, "Thank God they are here. Now perhaps we won't all be killed."

"That night people began to gather in the village square, and they danced and sang until nearly dawn. When I arose at 5:00 am, hundreds were already waiting for the polls to open at 6:30. As I watched the sun come up over the mountain, someone said, "This is a good dawn to see."

Even before the votes were counted, the violence began and John wrote, "The following days were spent alternately avoiding militia activities in Dili and observing the vote count. Each night brought more gunfire, mor burning houses, and escalating tensions. By the time the referendum results were announced on Saturday, we had about thirty people sheltering in our house. The courageous pastor at the Protestant church in town had 80 people in his house, mostly women and children. His (mostly Indonesian) church council had told him he may not use church property to shelter refugees and advised him to get out of town. He replied, "I'm a pastor and I can't turn anyone away. If I have to, I'll die here with them."

John concluded his e-mail, "The East Timorese who came to vote for freedom in the face of terror and intimidation showed the best of the human spirit. UN Workers and observers from all over the world were inspired by their hope and courage." Let us pray for their future.

## PLEASE REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS

ictims and loved ones of Flight 990
azel Allen - Pastor Neil's mother
arolyn Arnold - Daughter of Emma Phillips - No surgery at this time
athlyn Banet
ene Blauvelt - At home
endy Blauvelt
ndy Cook – Courtland Nursing Home 3555 Spy Run Extended - 46805 - Room 308 (Temporary address)
eba Fusselman
nette Grier
ladys Harshbarger - At Home
era Hutson - Mother of Richard Hutson
onna Knech - Sister of Doris Snook

tty Lanning - Cancer - (Sister to Sue Brickley)
arlie McGrew & Jean McGrew
la Miller
enn & Wilma Miller
ne Moore - Grandmother of Monica - Nursing care facility.
rold Nordblum
h Richardson - Surgery after auto accident.
stor Bill Riggs - Hip Replacement.
ny & Barb Rumpel
lbur& Doris Snook
rk Snyder - Cataract Surgery 11/10
on Stabler - Step Father of John Ohneck
ıra York
ttany York - 5 year old granddaughter of
n & Laura - Leukemia
et Weicker - Tests Dec. 16th.

## PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Millers Merry Manor
Garland Flickinger

Regency Place of FW
Bernice Montgomery

Renaissance Village
Kathlyn Banet

Riverbend
Lou Simmons

St Anne's Nursing Home
Ressie Ehresman

Townhouse Health Ctr
Lola Miller

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| Lucille Branstrator | 747 - 5691 |
| Virginia Englehart | 447 - 4147 |
| Gladys Harshbarger | 483 - 2392 |
| Helen Jordan | 432 - 1848 |
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| Ethel Richhart | 422 - 7959 |
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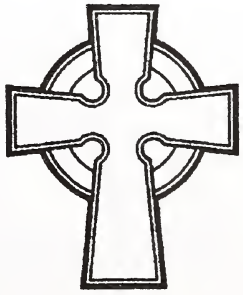
| Coleen Wilcoxson | 456 - 8138 |



## *Regional News*

The following article appeared in the October/Novemberissue of "The Indiana Christian". Please take notice of the by-line!!!

Mission, games, worship and house building make a great experience.

*Indiana youth shares her reflections on summer ICYF conference.*

**BY: Katie Moll**

It's a new song,
Lift up your voice.
Pick up a hammer
and makea choice.
Build a home,
Build a family,
Build a dream.
Take a risk, step outside
and open your eyes.
See a home,
See a family,
See a dream.
(Adam Bradley)

It's pretty awesome to hear more than 1,000 voices singing this song. And what song could be more appropriate when you think of our three-day task, especially since it was written by a member of the General Youth Commission specifically for the International Christian Youth Fellowship Conference?

Who would have thought 1,000 kids could build a house in only three days? Of course, we couldn't have done it without the help and guidance of the people from Hosanna Industries, Habitat for Humanity - Fort Worth, and Homeland Ministries.

I headed to Fort Worth a little skeptical about our "blitzbuild,"but as I learned, anything is possible with the help of the Lord.

The week of July 7-11 was certainly a week of God's miracles for the family of Beverly Jackson and all of us who helped build her very first home.

House building started on Thursday at 6:30 am, with only a cement slab and framework that had not yet been put up. As the day went on, fewer workers were needed at the house and many folks went to work on 29 other projects in the neighborhood –dry walling, painting, putting up fences and fixing leaks. By the time the last group left at 10:30 Thursday evening, most of the home's exterior was complete. On Friday, the drywall and mudding were completed; the ceilings were up and the fence was laid out. Neighborhood work continued as well.

Saturday started out slightly stressful because we were behind schedule, but when the day ended the house was completed on the inside; landscaping was nearly finished; grass laid and trees and flowers planted..

There was much more to the conference than the home building. With only about 100 people needed on site at a time, we had other things to

Each family group of 10-15 people
t two to three times a day, giving us
opportunity to develop
ationships, learn more about God
d discuss events in our lives and the
rld.

Everyone was also part of a
ssion and Ministry Team that
used on things from working with
hungry to cleaning up the
vironment, to being involved in
rship services. Several of these
ups went out into the community to
rk, while others used their ministry
put together worship services,
wsletters and other things within the
YF community.

We also had many special
nts involving everyone at the
ference. Thursday night Wes Davis
e a concert. Friday night was the
YF great games night which left
eral of us drenched from the
nderful Typhoon game. Finally,
urday night , we went to Hurricane
bor, spent the night playing on the
ter slides and ended with a worship
vice on the beach.

Sunday, at the final worship
h the General Board, there was a
cial ceremony in which Beverly
kson was given the key to her first
ne. As she received the key, she
ke down in tears, not sure what to
. Out of the crowd, someone yelled,
e love you, Beverly" and she
denly found the words she needed.

She presented a certificate of
nks to Hosanna Industries, Habitat for Humanity and the Disciples youth, saying it was the only way she knew to thank us. The house was complete and it was time for us to go home.

The group of Indiana kids I traveled with wanted to go see the house one more time before we went home. This turned out to be one of the most powerful experiences of the week.

As we arrived at the home, Beverly Jackson pulled up to open her new home for the first time with her new key.

After graciously posing in pictures with us, she placed the key in the door and stepped into her new home with a glowing smile on her face. We all cheered for her.

She gave us a tour of her three-bedroom home that we helped build.

We left for home, all feeling a sense of the Lord's power in a way we had never before experienced.

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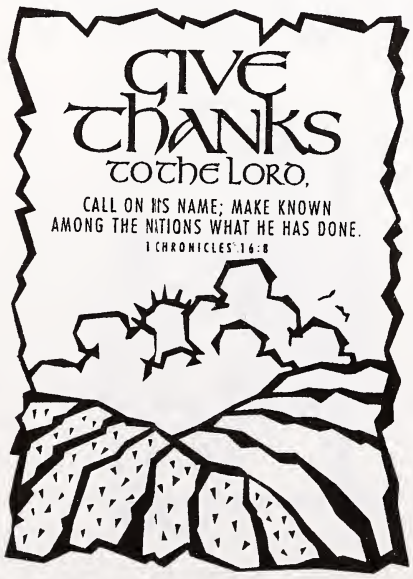


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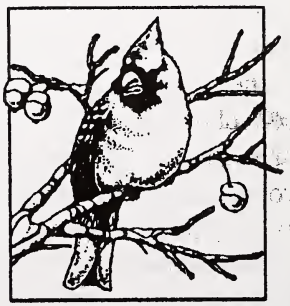

## Walk to Bethlehem

rticipating in Walk to Bethlehem is a
ay to witness to your Christian faith and
let the world know that God's message
love and forgiveness is being
monstrated at 4800 South Calhoun
reet on December 10 and 11.

alk to Bethlehem draws you into the
ry heart of the good news. "For God
ved the world so much that he gave his
ly Son, so that everyone who believes in
n may not die but have eternal life."

ou will find the sign up sheets for Walk
Bethlehem in Fellowship Hall, ready
d waiting for your signature. Want to try
mething different this year? Want to
ntribute for the first time? This is a great
ay to experience Advent, not just watch it
by in a rush of activities that really do
t have any spiritual meaning.
me of the items that are needed are:

Crocks
Baskets
Dried Herbs and
Nativity Sets

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oly Nativities It's Nearly Time !!!
any of you have asked me if I still
ould like to share you nativities. The
swer is YES !!!

I would like to display over 200
ts this year, but we will just have to
e how many participate. I've added
ew new sets to my collection.
ou'll have to come see, so why not
are.

***Please mark*** *each piece, the boxes or containers clearly* so we don't get anything confused. Bring them anytime after December 6th.....and thanks. You will be able to take your nativity set home after second service on December 12th.

Also for the FCC 1999 Walk to Bethlehem and Nativity display on December 10 & 11 we will have the honor of displaying nativities from local nativity manufacturers, Jerry and Ann Krieder. Jerry & Ann live in Columbia City and their personal collection numbers over 400 sets.

Each year "Walk to Bethlehem" is evaluated and the question is asked, "What did you like best. . . ?" Following are some of last year's responses:

It is our gift to the community. Tremendous outreach to the community at large–to bring the true meaning of Christmas and touch the lives and hearts of others, people participating for the first time, pottery making the forge outside.

If you have comments you would like to add, please contact Judy Church and your comments will be included in the next Tidings.

# !!ANNOUNCEMENT!!

**The Stewardship Ministry Team leader has seen the light and has met with the Fellowship Ministry Team and have decided we "NEED" to have a Harvest Dinner.**

**It will be a carry-in with the Stewardship Ministry Team providing the meat.**

**The dinner will be immediately after 2nd worship service on November 21, 1999.**

**Please see the following last name scheduled for your carry-in item:**

| | |
|---|---|
| **A - H** | **Vegetable or Potato** |
| **I - M** | **Salad** |
| **N - Z** | **Dessert** |

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# Tidings

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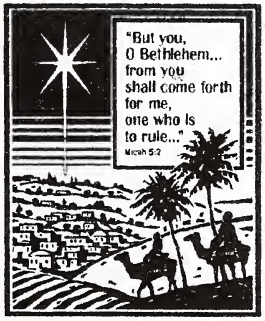
## Advent Afternoon

Children in Grades K-6 are invited to an afternoon of fun, learning and worship as we seek to discover the true meaning of Christmas. Advent Afternoon will be held Sunday, November 28, 1999 beginning at 1 pm until 4 pm at First Christian Church. There is no fee, but please call the church office to indicate your attendance. Children in CCF will stay until 5 pm to practice caroling.




## Walk to Bethlehem

Holy Nativities It's Nearly Time !!!

Many of you have asked me if I still would like to share your nativities. The answer is YES !!!

I would like to display over 200 sets this year, but we will just have to see how many participate. I've added a few new sets to my collection. You'll have to come see, so why not share.

***Please mark*** *each piece, the boxes or containers clearly* so we don't get anything confused. Bring them anytime after December 6th.....and thanks. You will be able to take your nativity home after second service on December 12th.

Also for the FCC 1999 Walk to Bethlehem and Nativity display on December 10 & 11 we will have the honor of displaying a few nativities from local nativity manufacturers, Jerry and Ann Krieder. Jerry & Ann live in Columbia City and their personal collection numbers over 400 sets.

Participating in Walk to Bethlehem is a way to witness to your Christian faith and to let the world know that God's message of love and forgiveness is

being demonstrated at 4800 South Calhoun Street on December 10 and 11.

Walk to Bethlehem draws you into the very heart of the good news. "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life."

You will find the sign up sheets for Walk to Bethlehem in Fellowship Hall, ready and waiting for your signature. Want to try something different this year? Want to contribute for the first time? This is a great way to experience Advent, not just watch it go by in a rush of activities that really do not have any spiritual meaning.

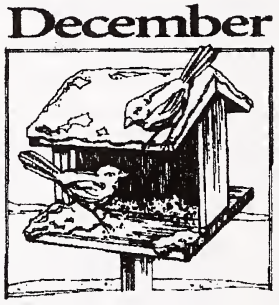
Some of the items that are needed are:

Crocks
Baskets
Dried Herbs and
Nativity Sets
Textured Breads
Dried Fruits
Rag Rugs (washable)
Help outside (set-up Dec. 4)
Help inside (set-up Dec. 4)
People for 5:30 am live, remote telecast for WANE-TV.

Responses from last year to "What did you like best?"

~Being a character...
~Fellowship...
~Worshiping together...
~Kids watching the nails...
~Teachable moments when people were ready to learn.

~That it is a gift to the community...
~That it brings the true meaning of Christmas to our hearts...
~Tremendous outreach to the community
~Seeing pottery made for the first time
~A real forge working




## *At the feeder again . . .*

You probably should have guessed that my favorite holiday is Thanksgiving. After all, it is a holiday centered around a ***bird***. I think the turkey sums up all there is to know about Thanksgiving. They're slow, overweight, mindless, usually gathered in large flocks and gobble at each other. Thanksgiving! I love it!

Continued

tually, I remember and long for the unds and smell more than anything. enerally eat light at every meal, so e food isn't all that important to me; s really the preparation, the odors d the conversations I enjoy. They all gnify that this event is unique. Oh, n't get me wrong, I love the food , but it's secondary to the love that shared in the meal.

the passing of the year, anksgiving is the one holiday that ngs family together around a table, thout pretense for anything else. ere's no need to buy presents, ople aren't traveling to some e, and nothing, save for football in living room, calls us away from nily.

tually, if it weren't for the football, might really spend some quality e together. Think about those cial thanksgiving memories, and y're usually about family, onciliation and reconnecting.

usin Herb exemplified Thanksgiving me. Out of his shirt pocket would ne his pipe, out of his pants pocket a of tobacco, and out of his mouth uld come a story or two about the days. We'd sit at the table so long legs would go numb, then someone uld get out the game of "Sorry" and the life would come back. Cousin rb would fill in if we were short, but stly he waited for Cribbage, Canasta and a turkey sandwich around 6 p.m., just before he headed home. A few years ago Cousin Herb headed home to Jesus. Every year, when we set the table, an open space reminds Nora and I of our loved ones and the people who don't have a table to gather around.

And, every Sunday, when we gather at the Table of our Lord, I get the same feeling as Thanksgiving. The meal isn't all that elaborate, but when the family gathers at this table, it is a special event. I love Thanksgiving and the Lord's Supper.....and I need them both, and I know there are others who would enjoy this meal as much as I.

Feeding on the Love of Christ and inviting others to the Table of our Lord,

Neil

***"Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."***

## Visitors

### November 14 & 21

Bob Williams - Guest Organist/Pianist
Meike Schneider - Guest Organist

Randy& Lynn Creath and daughters
Jessica and Rebecca
Steve Warton
Diane Taylor
Doug Oberlin
Valerie Kimball
Jim Newhaus
George Ludwig

***We hope to see you again very soon!!!***
***Welcome!***

## Welcome Our Newest

### *Deb Spillers*

Address: 4004 S. Lafayette Street
46806
Work: Kitty Hawk Cargo
Family: 2 Boys, Kim, Jr and
Christopher

### *Ed and Gaynl Murphy*

Address: P.O. Box 10237 FW 46851
Work: Gaynl - Secretary and Acquisitions Manager at Taylor University (FW) Library.
Ed - Case Work Manager for Indiana Dept. of Corrections. Working with juveniles.
Family: Spencer and Heather
Interests: Both have done theater work at First Presbyterian. Also both love outdoors, birdwatching, fishing and hunting.

### *Louis and Helen Godfrey*

Address: 5419 S. Harrison St 46807
Work: Both are retired over 10 years ago from Janitorial work at the FW Country Club.
Family: Six children, five living. Donna Ferguson, also a new member, is their daughter.

### *Donna Ferguson*

Address: 4810 Old Mill Road 46807
Family: Four children, three of whom have died in the last five years to M.D..
Interests: Loves to do crafts

# Ministry Team Meetings

ovember 30 - Worship - 7 pm

ecember 6 - Property - 7 pm

ecember 6 - P.R.C. - 7 pm

# Vhat's Happening Now

***Hanging of the Greens***

The Worship Ministry Team will be having a special meeting on Saturday, November 27 from 8 - 12 noon, with a rehearsal for Hanging of the Greens at 11am. A second rehearsal will be on Sunday, November 28 10 am. The actual Hanging of the Greens ll be on Sunday, November 28 during cond worship service.
so Advent Afternoon 2-4 and CCF 2-5.

***ible Study***

here will be a very special Advent ble Study and Worship in December. he dates are 1, 8, 15 & 22, the time ill be from 6 - 7:30 pm. <u>The theme r December 1 is "Hope for the Family"</u>

ecember 4
Valk to Bethlehem Set-Up. 9 am - oon.

ecember 5
Valk to Bethlehem dress rehearsal.

December 5 - CCF - 4-6 pm

December 7 - Pearl Harbor Day

December 7 - D.M.A. Carry-in luncheon. See important information in article this issue regarding this get together.

December 7 - Elders Meeting - 7 pm

December 8 - Advent Bible Study and worship - 6-7:30 pm. Theme: "Hungering for Peace".

December 10 & 11 - Walk to Bethlehem and miniature nativity display.

December 12 - Clean-up party with pizza. All CCF and CYF please plan to attend and help.

December 14 - Capital Meeting - 6:30 pm

December 14 - Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:30 pm

December 15
Advent Bible Study and worship - 6-7:30 pm. Theme: "The real message of Christmas."

December 19
Christmas Cantata - Both worship services.

*Christian Children's Fellowship*
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December 22
Advent Bible Study and worship - 6-7:30 pm. Theme: "Joy"

**December 24**
**Christmas Eve Family Services - 7 pm**
**Circle of Light - 11 pm**

**December 25 -**
**Happy Birthday Jesus!**

December 26
Pastor Allen begins his vacation.
Guest speaker for worship services Marlo Quick.

December 29
CYF Planning meeting for "Y2K Survival Dance" and for "Strings and Stars". Plan now to attend and be in on the fun.

**THANK YOU**

Dear Neil and Members of FCC,

Thank you all so much for hosting the Northern Lights Area Assembly on Sunday, November 14. Even though I got there a little late, I could tell that people were having a great time. The "Funshops" were a hit as people had an opportunity to learn more about our Disciple colleges.

I especially want to extend my appreciation to those who prepared and served the evening meal. It was very good. The table decorations were beautiful! You really know how to make people feel welcomed into your midst.

I also want to express my appreciation to the musicians. The organist and pianist were tremendous. I really enjoyed their music. The choir, though not large, had a wonderful sound and a joy-filled anthem to share.

Thanks again for extending your hospitality to the area churches. It is important for us to gather, learn, worship, fellowship, and share around a table of wonderful food. Thank you for your important role in making this happen for Northern Lights.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Casey Reed

Dear Kris Ohneck

I would like to extend my warmest thanks for your participation in the 1999 "Trick or Treat for UNICEF. Your church's generous donation will help us to provide care and protection for many of the world's most vulnerable children.

Children in the U.S. have raised more than $100 million since the first group of children started Trick or Treat for UNICEF in 1950. Because of gifts like yours, millions of children have benefitted from lifesaving programs and much progress has been made. Today UNICEF works in 160 countries and territories around the world, saving children's lives and building children's futures. Despite these many accomplishments, much remains to be done. Thirty two thousand children will die each day. Your church's compassion and generous gift will help us continue our lifesaving work.

Charles J. Lyons - President
Trick or Treat for UNICEF
333 East 38th Street
New York NY 10016

# ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!

***D.M.A.***

December will be our regular carry-in luncheon with a Christmas Gift Exchange for our program.

Also please remember, from our discussion at our last meeting, to bring gifts for former D.M.A. attendees. Some suggestions are small ointments/lotions, soft candies, homemade cookies, etc.

So please plan now to attend our Christmas get together, and bring a gift for the exchange and a gift for a friend from D.M.A.. See you on the 7th at noon!!

***Walk to Bethlehem Invitations***

Walk to Bethlehem special invitation list inviting your friends and loved ones to join us on December 10 & 11 are due on or before Monday November 29th. The special invitations will be mailed that week. So please complete your invitation list and return it to the church office by the 29th.

## *Evangelism Contest !!!!!*

Prizes will be awarded to the persons that bring the most people to the Cantata.

2 Prizes for Adults -
1st Service Prize
2nd Service Prize
1 Youth prize for bringing the most people.

**So invite your friends, neighbors and family and come to the Cantata on the 19th. Not only to enter the contest but to hear the wonderful musical message of "Mary Did You Know?"**

### *Christmas Cards*

A very good friend of yours and mine made a suggestion regarding the sending of Christmas Cards. So after discussing the suggestion with Pastor Allen and Administrative Assistant George Bruckman, we are passing the suggestion on to each of you.

With the cost of postage being so high, it was suggested that instead of sending a card to each FCC member that you choose, send one card to the church and we will make a "tree".

If you are interested in this plan of sending one card instead of many, please bring or mail your card to the church office. The "tree"will be on display in Fellowship Hall for all to see.

## DID YOU KNOW????

### *Disciple Magazine*

If you are interested in receiving a subscription to "The Disciple" magazine, please contact the church office for information. The cost is $20.00 for 1 year.

### *Christmas Poinsettias*

Poinsettia ordering and envelopes for it will be made available on Sunday November 28. Please write your dedication information on envelope, and place payment of $10.00 for each Poinsettia you wish to order and dedicate in envelope. Please place completed envelope in offering plate. Poinsettias will be available for you to take home following second service on December 19th.

***lventure Club/Project Reads***

ildren and Mentors are meeting ain on Thursday afternoons after hool 3:45 - 5 pm. Please come to p a child enjoy reading. Mentors urgently needed.

ECIAL NOTE: Adventure ub/Project Reads will ***NOT*** meet on following days:

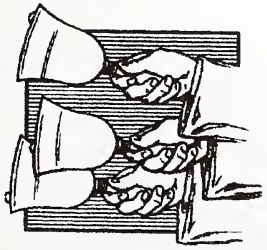
November 25
December 23
December 30

***r Adult Choir meets Thursdays m.***

ice is always looking for new ces. Come join us.. (Special dnesday practice on November ). Practice will return to Thursdays r Thanksgiving.

***lt Bell Choir***

lt bell choir will meet Wednesday ember 24 at 5:45 - 6:45 pm. Come "Ringer and Singer" for FCC. We d You!!! Practice will return to rsdays after Thanksgiving.



***Prayer Chain***

Would any one be interested in helping out with the FCC Prayer Chain? ***Requirements are that you would have to make one call.*** The need is great and our prayer chain works - but we need helpers! Please contact Evelyn Yeoman - 489-2349 ASAP. Our Prayer Chain needs your help!.

***Living Cross***

Anyone interested in attending the performance of "The Living Cross" during the Easter Season call Rosie Krull at 432-6181 or Evelyn Yeoman at 489-2349. Please advise ASAP so that ticket orders may be turned in.

***SCHOLARSHIPS***

If you, as a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are interested in obtaining information or application on scholarships available, please contact church office

***Indiana Young Adults . . .***

are invited "To Answer God's Call" to feed the hungry, to give the thirsty something to drink, to welcome the stranger.

January 3-6, 2000. For more information contact Jennifer Steele-Lantis at 317/784-4431.

## Please remember our friends and loved ones in your prayers..

Hazel Allen - Neil's mother. At home and doing better.
Carolyn Arnold - Daughter of Emma Phillips
Kathlyn Banet
Ilene Blauvelt
Wendy Blauvelt

Andy Cook – Courtland Nursing Home 3555 Spy Run Extended - 46805 - Room 308
Reba Fusselman
Janette Grier
Gladys Harshbarger - At Home
Vera Hutson - Mother of Richard Hutson - At Home.

Donna Knech - Sister of Doris Snook
Betty Lanning - Cancer - (Sister to Sue Brickley)
Charlie McGrew & Jean McGrew
Lola Miller
Glenn & Wilma Miller
Anne Moore -Coming home..

Harold Nordblum - At Home.
Mary Novachcoff - Back surgery. Parkview - Room 629-2
Josh Richardson
Pastor Bill Riggs - Healing.
Tony, Barb Justin Rumpel

Wilbur & Doris Snook
Mark Snyder - 'It's a miracle! I can read signs, small print. It's amazing! And it scares me, I didn't know those things were our there."
Brittany York - 5 year old granddaughter of Tom & Laura - Leukemia
Janet Weicker - Tests December 16th.
Diana White

*ociated Churches*

This past week we have been rmed that the Associated Churches d Bank Ministry will receive ching funds for all gifts given to it n October 1 - December 21, 1999. gifts will be matched up to 000. These funds are desperately led to proved balanced meals to clients in the 27 ch/Neighborhood Center Food ks. Canned and boxed items are n generously to the Food Bank. there are still items that must be hased. We can get them at lesale prices.

We purchase toilet paper and items, because they cannot be hased with Food Stamps. We hase cheese, eggs, butter, and meat use of their being mainstays on the Pyramid. This takes extra dollars s of November 1, 1999, we are f funds and need to order more

Please help provide church, idual, and family gifts for this ny ministry. In 1999 we will have d nearly 52,000 Ft. Wayne and County residents, a total of 00 meals or 1,482,000 pounds of This is up from any of the year's that we have served in the past ars. Livable wage is the issue at . People can not survive with a num wage job. Yet, your cial gifts are necessary to provide ems that are not given in the food ctions that we receive from the hes and the community!

Please send your Food Bank gifts to the Associated Churches, located at 602 East Wayne Street, FW 46802. Mark your gift - Food Bank. Your gift will be important in helping others to help themselves and they will be matched. Thanks for your kindness in Jesus Name!

In Christ,
Vern and Ellen Graham

SERVING ON NOVEMBER 28

ELDERS

8:15 am

Barb Hayes, Dick Mey

10:15 am

Donna Heimann, Larry Brey

DIACONATE

8:15 am

Greg Baitz, Jenny Baitz,
Sue Brey, Linda Deck

10:45 am

Christi Deck, Ray Stover,
Linda Stover, Holly Mathis,
Katie Moll, Evelyn Yeoman,
Nora Allen, Sue Brickley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sally Rudy, Julia Arnold, Kristian Scott

LAY WORSHIP

November - Rosie Krull

SERVING DECEMBER 5

ELDERS

8:15 am

Marlo Quick, Kathy Cron

10:45 am

Ron Wise, Becca Widmer

DIACONATE

8:15 am

Betty Grimm, Orie McDougle, Marilyn
McDougle, Shari Grier

10:45 am

Estel Vandergriff, David Brooks,
Eve Gorman, Diane Bohlen, Kristian Scott,
Greg Baitz, Jenny Baitz, Sue Brey

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Linda Deck, Christi Deck,
Sue Brickley

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Marlene Crouse, Sue Brickley,
Charlie Hatten, David Brooks,
Barb Hayes, Eve Gorman

LAY WORSHIP

December - Becca Widmer

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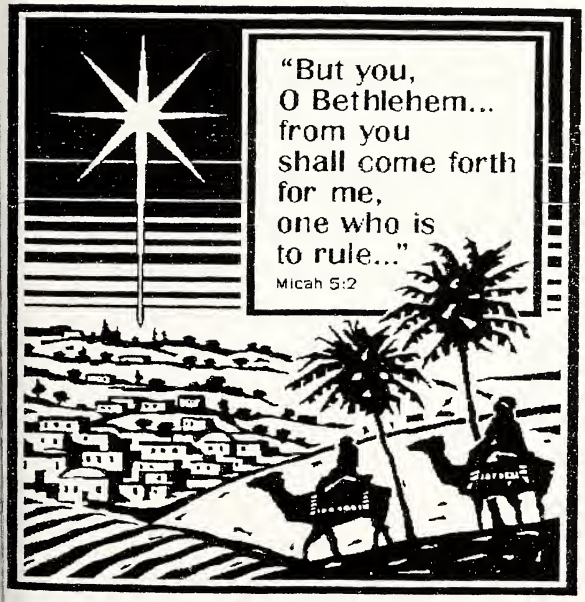


# Walk to Bethlehem

*Come walk with us . .*

WALK TOBETHLEHEM COULD BE CALLED A DEMONSTRATION! Not like the ones that occurred in Seattle, Washington, recently but nevertheless a demonstration. The Good News is made known in each of the outside scenes from the conversation between Mary and Elizabeth and the angel Gabriel to the scene of Jesus' birth in the manger. The market place takes us back in time to experience the repression by a foreign ruler of a small country living in hope of being delivered by a savior. The miniature nativities visually reinforce God's answer to their hope and God's answer to all our hopes and dreams for being delivered from what stands between each one of us and what God would have us become. We urge you to come take part in this demonstration of love, joy and peace!

Your contributions and participation are needed now! If you have not brought your items to the church, please do so NOW! Participants are to be costumed and in the sanctuary by 6:15 pm both Friday and Saturday for a brief time of worship. As the last group goes through, everyonewill gather in the sanctuary for a closing time.

CHRISTMAS

## Stewardship Ministry Team

The Stewardship Ministry Team would like to thank everyone who turned in pledges for the 2000 Program Year. If you have not turned in your pledge for next year please do so as quickly as possible so that we may include your pledge in our budget preparation. We have asked everyone to consider increasing their pledge or making an extra gift toward the 2000 budget so that we might be able to hire a full time associate pastor. We still have about 40 pledge cards that have not been returned. If you did not get a pledge card and would like one, please call the church office at 744-3239. If you have a question about the 2000 Program budget and what some of the specific needs are, you can call either Merle Grimm or Charlie Hatten. We need each and every one of you to make the 2000 Program a reality.

The Stewardship Ministry Team is also asking each member who is currently not participating in the capital campaign to consider doing so. We need to raise an additional $30,000 over the next 2 years. If each member not currently contributing to the Capital Campaign would consider a gift of only $20.00 a month we would be able to reach our goal. If you would like to participate in the Capital Campaign over the next 2 years, please call the church office, Charlie Hatten or Merle Grimm.

If you receive this newsletter but are unable to attend worship with us, you can still be a part of the 2000 Program by sending your gifts to the church office. May of the ministries we have today are a result of the hard work and support you gave while you were able to worship here and you can help continue to make those ministries possible by your prayers and financial support. Together with the help of the Holy Spirit we can make a difference in our world for the cause of Jesus Christ. Please consider a gift to your church this holiday season.

# At the feeder again . . .

Gift giving is not high on my feathered friends minds these days. That activity is saved for the spring when adult birds stuff unwrapped gifts down the throat of demanding chicks. Thankfully I am not a bird, as I hate to have anything touch my throat unless I put it there. I get nauseosus just thinking of the little sticks the doctors use. When they ask me to say "Ahhh" it usually comes out "eeehhh." I would never make it as a bird.

Now, when I say baby birds can be demanding.....I mean "***demanding***." I'm sure you've seen baby birds shake their feathers and squawk like someone's bending their tail backwards, just to get a seed or a mashed up worm chunk....."eeeehhh." Obviously they've never had sauteed shrimp dipped in garlic butter.....sorry.....as I was saying, baby birds can be DEMANDING. They have to really work to get a gift of food. I'm led to believe that bird religion must be works-reward.
It's sad when I see human families acting like that. When a child has to throw a fit to get attention, something is wrong. Naturally, I'm talking about everyone else now. When I was the parent of my perfect child, I never had to endure the tantrums that you see in the grocery store. I gave my child perfect love and was attentive to her every need.....***not!!!***.....I remember Kalah throwing herself down in the cereal isle and screaming her head off....why?.....thank God I don't remember.....She probably wanted

knows? Knowing me, I probably spent some time on the grocery store floor myse
The truth is, we all get demanding at time
We do the work and want the reward...or should I say, we scream our fool head off and expect people to pay attention and giv in to our demands!

Thank God we didn't have to squawk and scream to have God's love made known t us. The season of advent is all about learning how Jesus was born in a humble stable to a homeless couple, in dangerous times. It's about silent nights and sleepin in heavenly peace, as we ponder how we g such a neat gift without lifting a finger or pitching a fit. Actually, we got the gift wh God should have been pitching a fit at us.

Amidst all the Christmas wrap and mall-madness, I hope you I don't forget that Christmas is about receiving the gift of God's love. If you I do, you I might try shoving a spoon full of earthworm down your my throat. That ought to bring you t to appreciate the grace of God a little more.....On second thought, I'll put the wo of this season into appreciating the gift in more "palatable" ways. (I might be foolis but I'm not stupid!)

Feeding on the Love of Christ,
Neil
*"And Mary pondered all these things in he heart."*

## Visitors

## November 28 and December 5

Bob Williams - Guest Organist
hrissy King - Guest Pianist
ob Smith III - Libertyville, IL
arland Wilson (Markle, IN)
ylvia Musser
nneth Spillers
ristopher Spillers
achel Taylor
Foster, Jessica and cousin
tu & Judy Mathis (Lafayette)
tephanie Mathis
ff Leach
oma Jarvis
uan and Terrance coleman
iscal St Clair
ndy & Lynn Creath
essica & Rebecca Creath
arl McBride

***We hope to see you again very soon!!!***
***Welcome!***

*Ministry Team Meetings*

December 14 - Cabinet Meeting - 6:30 pm

December 14 - Board of Trustees - 7:30 pm

January 4 - Christian Education - 8:30 am

# What's Happening Now

December 10 & 11 - Walk to Bethlehem and miniature nativity display. Will also include items from our Friends of the Third World, Inc.

December 12 - Clean-up party with pizza. All CCF and CYF please plan to attend and help.

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Advent Bible Study and worship - and Carry-in dinner 6-7:30 pm.
**Theme:** "The real message of Christmas."
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December 22
Advent Bible Study and worship - Pizza for Dinner - 6-7:30 pm. **Theme:** "Joy"

Continued. . . .

December 24
**Christmas Eve Family Services - 7 pm**
**Circle of Light - 11 pm**

**December 25 - Happy Birthday Jesus!**

December 26
Pastor Allen begins his vacation. Guest speaker for worship services Marlo Quick.

December 29
CYF Planning meeting for "Y2K Survival Dance" for Jr High and High School youth - Plan now to attend! and planning for "Strings and Stars".

**December 31 - FCC office closed.**

**Happy New Year !!!**

January 5 - WTB Evaluation Meeting 7 pm

January 8 - "Y2K Survival Dance" - FCC Jr High and Youth 7 - 9 pm

January 9 - CCF 4 - 6 pm. Bring your favorite games and ***YOUR*** parents.

January 17 - FCC office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

January 19 - 6 - 7:30 pm T.W.W.

January 22 - Dreamweavers

February 6 - CCF 2 pm "Swedding"** (**Sledding or sweating depending on weather conditions)

February 12 - "mom's on missions" Workshop. More details in up-coming Tidings.

February 27 - Strings and Stars 2000"

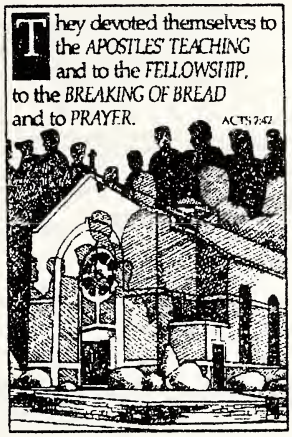
**THANK YOU**

To FCC
A huge thank you to Mr. Richard Mey for beautiful Advent stand that he built. Dick has helped in so many ways on so many projects it is difficult to find the proper words. Thank you just does not seem like enough.

Also a very special thank you to each and every one that helped decorate the church helped with "Hanging of the Greens" This is always a very special time made m so by all of our friends and loved ones tha take part.
Worship Ministry Team.

ar friend
e are very thankful and happy to be
mbers of such a friendly Christian church.
e were greeted and treated so warmly. We
thankful for the turkey and we parise God
such a warm welcome. We pray God will
ss every member and keep his light
ning always in your hearts.

Louis & Helen Godfrey




ar Friends in Christ

It was such a delight to receive a
eck from your congregation to the Indiana
omen's Endowment Fund in honor of Kris
neck.

Kris is a very special person in your
ngregation and in the regional church. Her
mmitment to the women of Indiana and her
rvice on the General Board of the disciples
a representative from Indiana are just two
ys in which she has shared her gifts with
e wider church.

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the IWEF. As you probably know
under her leadership as president of the
Commission for Women that the IWEF came
into being, developed its brochure, etc.

Please express our appreciation to the congregation for this generous way of recognizing the gifts of a faithful and self-giving servant of the church.

Sylvia E. Mill
Associate Regional Minister

## ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!

**Congratulations to Brian and Margaret Prechtl and Big Sister Naomi and Big Brother Jason on the new addition to the Prechtl family.**

**Adam Owen was born Friday, December 3 at 10 35 pm and topped the scales at 9 lbs 7 oz.**

**Baby Adam, Mom, Dad and big brother and sister are doing fine.**

***Welcome little one!!***

## *Evangelism Contest !!!!!*

Prizes will be awarded to the persons that bring the most people to the Cantata.

The youth or child that brings the largest number of visitors to worship on December 19th will win and ***ENORMOUS*** prize basket of goodies!!

***ALSO***

There will be a prize basket (both services) for the adult bringing the most visitors on the 19th.

The cantata will be performed during both worship services.

***Christmas Cards***

A very good friend of yours and mine made a suggestion regarding the sending of Christmas Cards. So after discussing the suggestion with Pastor Allen and Administrative Assistant George Bruckman, we are passing the suggestion on to each of you.

With the cost of postage being so high, it was suggested that instead of sending a card to each FCC member that you choose, send one card to the church and we will make a "tree".

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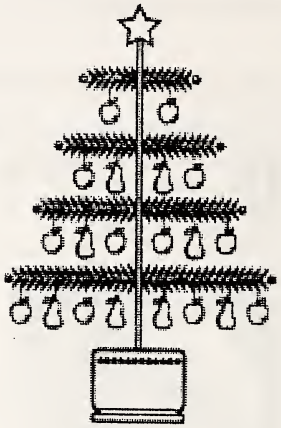
If you are interested in this plan of sending one card instead of many, please bring or mail your card to the church office. The "tree"will be on display in Fellowship Hal for all to see.



## DID YOU KNOW????

***Christmas Poinsettias***

Its not to late to order your Poinsettia. If y wish to do so, please contact the church office or complete an ordering envelope th Sunday, December 12th. Poinsettias will b available for you to take home on Decemb 19th after second worship service.

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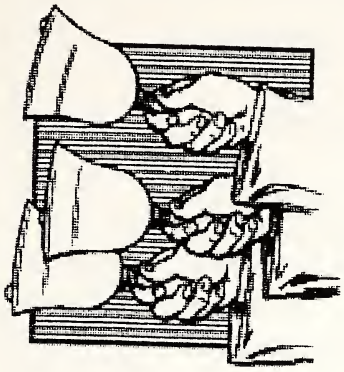

***ur Adult Choir meets Thursdays 7 pm.***
nice is always looking for new voices.
ome join us on Thursdays.

## *lobal Ministries*

ane Wicks has been serving with the ited congregational Church of Southern rica at St George's United Church of llbrow. This congregation in the "Times uare" of Johannesburg has received a obal Ministries award of affirmation for ir witness in the community, including ir work with the homeless and their *meless Talk* newspaper. Diane writes ut the marriage of Armstrong and nette, 56 and 55 respectively, who met ough their work with *Homeless Talk*.

rmstrong has been attending our soup hen for several years. One Friday in 4, shortly after *Homeless Talk* was ched, he decided to stay for our Support up.

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[illegible] of old clothing and clutching a plastic bag full of his only belongings. He mumbled when he spoke and rarely looked at anybody. But the more closely, I listened to him, the more fascinated I became. He was a genuine philosopher from the school of the streets."

Diane encouraged him to write a story for *Homeless Talk* and offered to help him with the grammar and punctuation. The next day Armstrong came to the drop-in center at the church to show her his story. He became one of their most prolific writers. Only after he started working full time as Distribution Manager did he stop writing. It was the first real job he'd had in his life.

"Armstrong and Jeanette had a simple wedding. They didn't tell their friends because they didn't have enough money saved to have a party...During the opening prayer, Jeannette began to cry...I'm sure that both of them had long since given up the idea that they would marry. And before they met each other, I doubt that either one would have believed they could have found such love, acceptance and commitment for and from another person."

## *Please remember our friends and loved ones in your prayers. . .*

Carolyn Arnold - Daughter of Emma Phillips
Kathlyn Barret
Ilene Blauvelt Parkview - Room No. 706
Wendy Blauvelt
Andy Cook - Courtland Nursing Home 3555 Spy Run Extended - 46805 - Room 308

Reba Fusselman
Janette Grier
Gladys Harshbarger - At Home

Donna Knech - Sister of Doris Snook
Betty Lanning - Cancer - (Sister to Sue Brickley)
Charlie McGrew & Jean McGrew
Lola Miller
Glenn & Wilma Miller

Harold Nordblum - At Home.
Mary Novachcoff - Back in hospital December 6.
Josh Richardson
Pastor Bill Riggs - Healing.
Tony, Barb Justin Rumpel

Wilbur & Doris Snook - Wilbur admitted to St Joe on Monday, December 6th.

Brittany York - 5 year od granddaughter of Tom & Laura - Leukemia
Janet Weicker - Tests December 16th.
Diana White

# December, 1999 Birthdays

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | Miles Wilson |
| 3 | Adam Owen Prechtl |
| 6 | Mildred Arruza<br>Ethel Richhart |
| 7 | Sue Kerley<br>Brenda Proegler |
| 9 | Jason Prechtl |
| 10 | Bill Franklin |
| 12 | Sara Davis |
| 13 | Dan Mory |
| 16 | Erin Brosey<br>Amy Zimmerman |
| 17 | Robert Smith |
| 18 | Jacob Smelser |
| 19 | Tim Knuckles<br>Lindsay Medlin |
| 20 | Diana Blomeke<br>Sara Brey<br>Tammy Ott |
| 22 | Mickieann Martz |
| 23 | Jacob Quinn |
| 24 | Michael O'Laughlin |
| 25 | Wardell Bradford |
| 26 | Elizabeth Dull<br>Carolyn Falbe |
| 27 | Tara Grier |
| 29 | Lucille Branstrator |
| 31 | Todd McBride |

## SERVING SUNDAY
## December 12, 1999

ELDERS

8:15 am

Barb Hayes, Anne Moll

10:45 am

Judy Church, Larry Brey

DIACONATE

8:15 am

Roger Moll, Julia Arnold, Betty Grimm, Eve Gorman

10:45 am

John Bohlen, Linda Deck, Christi Deck, Linda Stover, Holly Mathis, Ray Stover, Katie Moll

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Linda Deck, Christi Deck, Sue Brickley

## SERVING SUNDAY
## December 19, 1999

ELDERS

8:15 am

Marlene Crouse, Mario Quick

10:45 am

John Ohneck, Charlie Hatten

DIACONATE

8:15 am

Ray Stover, Roger Moll, Evelyn Yeoman, Nora Allen

10:45 am

Sue Brickley, Eve Gorman, Greg Baitz, Jenny Baitz, Estel Vandergriff, Diane Boh
Lori Vandergriff, Shari Grier

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sue Brey, Evelyn Yeoman, Betty Grimm
(December 19 and 26)

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Dick Mey, Greg Baitz, Larry Brey, Diane Bohlen, Donna Heimann, Estel Vandergriff

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## t the feeder again . . .

e cold winter a few years ago a small finch sat on my feeder as I opened it. It didn't move or k or fly away. It just kept eating. I've felt that way a time or two.

e's an article written by one of our newest members that is food for me and I pray it is food you too:

ere were 'oohs', and 'ahhs', there were little gasps of delight, but there was one reaction that d out from all the rest. He was a gray-headed man with a rather scruffy beard, ratty jeans, and irt and light jacket that had definitely seen better days. He wore a tattered old ball cap. A nger woman and two small children led him up the stairs from the Marketplace, then hurried ahead into the Sanctuary. He was looking down, watching his footing, as he made the last step came around the corner. I said, 'Welcome, welcome, come and see the nativities,: and then he ked up. He stopped in his tracks before ever getting through the doorway into the Sanctuary. gasped as he grabbed the hat off his balding head and he stood and he looked and he looked. rs came to his eyes and he shook his head ever so slightly from side to side. He finally nposed himself, took a deep breath, put his hand on my arm and whispered, 'Thank you.' Then passed by me and walked slowly and reverently down the aisle.

is was my first experience with Walk to Bethlehem. I have never attended and had no idea of scope and depth of this amazing project. I was so lucky to be positioned where I was because I to hear all the wonderful remarks that were meant for each and everyone of you who icipated. I heard, 'This has become a family tradition, my daughter has been here every year of life,' I was apologized to, 'I'm sorry, I know we are supposed to exit from the sanctuary, but we please go back downstairs? My daughter wants to see the dancing just one more time.' I

was told, 'Thank you and your church for this experience,' more times than I could count. "And so I want to pass those comments on to all of you who were not in position to hear the wonderful remarks; those of you who were outside bundled up against the freezing cold, those you who were running around making sure the lights stayed lit and the music kept playing, thos of you who hauled the animals and cleaned up after them, all of you who did more than your sh without a word of complaint, all of you who in some way contributed to making several hundre people's Christmas more special, more meaningful and more holy. If you didn't get a chance t hear their praise and their thank you's, I did. And, believe me, the praise was abundant and the thank yours heartfelt, as are mine, for allowing me and my husband the opportunity to be a part this magnificent tradition."

Gaynel Murphy

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## Thank You

Dear Choir,

Thank you for your many hours of hard work to make the Cantata a success. The congregation was much impressed. I pray God enjoyed it as much as I.

A special thank you to Janice. You are a gift to us. We all appreciate your kindness and unique talent. You have keen ears and a focus that is remarkable. Thanks for working through the first hard practices to make this cantata a landmark for our ministries.

Yours in Christ,
Neil

To My FCC Family

My heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for the cards, telephone calls and the love that I felt during my recent hospital stay - thank God it was a very short stay.

Love to you all,
Evelyn Yeoman

## ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!

***Important Date change***

**Due to the Holidays and a vacation the next Tidings issue date is January 12th.**

***Another change***

Please be sure and look at all of the beautiful Christmas cards that have been received at FCC. Originally they were to be made into a tree" in Fellowship Hall but are now decorating the south wall in the Sanctuary.

## D.M.A.NEWS

Tuesday January 4th - 12 noon Pot-Luck

SPEAKER:
Erma Vanderwall

PROGRAM:
Book Review:
"The Desert Queen"

Special Note: Remember if schools are closed there will not be a D.M.A. meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to Holly and Zac Mathis on the birth of their son, Alex.

Alex weighed 6 pounds and 15 oz and is 19 inches long and made his appearance at 5 am on Wednesday, December 15th. Now big sister Ashley has a baby brother.

Proud parents, Alex and Ashley and very proud great grandparents Jean and Charles McGrew are all doing well.

*Welcome Little One !!!*

## Ministry Team Meetings

January 4 - Christian Education - 8:30 am

January 5 - Fellowship - 6:30 pm

January 10 - Property - 7 pm

January 18 - Evangelism - 7 pm

January 23 - Fellowship Ministry Team - 10 am.

January 25 - Worship - 7 pm

January 26 - Outreach - 7 pm

## What's Happening Now

**December 24**
**FCC office closed.**
**Christmas Eve Family Services - 7 pm**
**Circle of Light - 11 pm**

**December 25 - Happy Birthday Jesus!**

December 26
A very special Post-Christmas message wil be given by Marlo Quick for both worship services. ***Don't miss it!***
December 29
CYF Planning meeting for "Y2K Survival Dance" for Jr High and High School youth Plan now to attend! Also planning for "Strings and Stars". **6 pm. Dinner provided.**

**December 31 - FCC office closed.**

**Happy, Safe and Healthy New Year !!!**

## Looking Ahead

January 3-6, 2000
Indiana Young Adults are invited to Answer God's Call to feed the hungry... to give the thirsty something to drink...to welcome the stranger. . .at Mid-Ohio Food Bank in Columbus, OH. For information c Jennifer Steele-Lantis at 317/784-4431 or FCC office.

anuary 5 - WTB Evaluation Meeting 7 pm
**f you received a WTB Evaluation letter, lease return it so that WTB Ministry eam will have all information available t this meeting.**

nuary 8 - "Y2K Survival Dance" - CC Jr High and Youth 7 - 9 pm

nuary 9 - CCF 4 - 6 pm. Bring your vorite games and your parents.

nuary 11 - Cabinet Meeting - 6:30 pm

nuary 11 - Board of Trustees - 7:30 pm

nuary 16 - CYF - Martin Luther King Jr elebration

nuary 17 - FCC office closed in observance Martin Luther King Day.

nuary 19 - 6 - 7:30 pm T.W.W.

nuary 22 - Dreamweavers

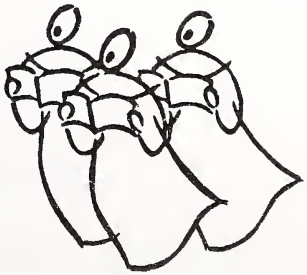
nuary 23 - "Meal on Neil" after second rship service.

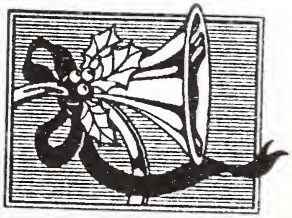
February 6 - CCF 2 pm "Swedding"** (**Sledding or sweating depending on weather conditions)

February 12 - "mom's on missions" Workshop. More details in up-coming Tidings.

February 27 - Strings and Stars 2000"

May 26 - 29, 2000 - Start planning now for "Come to the Feast" A young Adult Ministry Training Event in Chicago, IL. For registration and fee information contact church office 744-3239. More information will also be in upcoming issues of Tidings.





## *A Letter from Indianapolis*

Dear Colleagues

February is going to be a very important month for education and leadership opportunities.

February 10-13 -
Christian Educator Event 2000

February 18-19
EduCare 2000/Training for Congregational Leadership

If you are interested in either or both of these events, please contact the church office - 744-3239 for registration forms, fees and additional information.

## Visitors

## December 12 and 19

Krissy King - Guest Pianist
Greg Vey - Guest Organist
Randy & Lynn Creath with
Jessica and Rebecca
Mari McBride
Barbara Livingston
Mr & Mrs Laurence Nagel
Sylvia Musser
Dan and Melissa Moll
Abigail Machmat
Kathe Klopfenstein
Linda and Heather Johnstone
Danny Lopez
Gabriel Lopez
Mr & Mrs Mike Murry
Ruth Hachett
Bonnie Johnson
Keith and Delores Morphew
Al Foster and Jessica
Dolores Smith
Nick Hoff
Ed Woodward
Tracy Krayer and Sicily
Jeri Micks and Sons
Laura Cottrell
J & L Myers and 7 guests
Mary Bloomfield
Robert and Joan Burh with Chad

We hope to see you again very soon

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***cholarship (DOC)***

*you are interested in information garding Scholarship at Butler University r members of Christian Church, please call urch office 744-3239.*

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***His name shall be called... Prince of Peace.***

***Isaiah 9:6***

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO
YOU AND YOURS

Sandy Fruthaler

MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU
and KEEP YOU SAFE FOR THE
HOLIDAYS and THE NEW YEAR

George

Neil

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